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CONTAINING
NARRATIVES

Of the EFFECTS of Certain

CHEMICAL REMEDIES
IN MOST DISEASES:

Particularly Exemplified in

The HISTORIES of various CASES,
Both MEDICAL and CHIRURGICAL;
Attested by the *Patients* themselves, or by their *Friends*.

Whereby it appears,

That THESE MEDICINES have cured many
DISTEMPERS with *single Doses*;

And given great *Relief* in the GOUT, and some
Disorders usually pronounced *incurable*.

To which is prefixed,

A PREFACE, giving an Account of the *Uses* and *Operations*
of these *particular* REMEDIES:

With Practical REMARKS on some DISEASES;
And a few *Hints* relating to VIRTUES, not commonly
known, of some MEDICINES already in *Use*.

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HAVING the Honour of being
a *Member* of those two learned
Bodies, which are under *Your*
MAJESTY'S *Patronage*, the ROYAL
SOCIETY, and *Your* ROYAL College
of PHYSICIANS of LONDON, I
take the Liberty to lay at *Your* MA-
JESTY'S Feet these *Histories* of various
Cases; from which it does appear, that
many *Distempers* have been *cured* by
much *shorter Methods*, than those at pre-
sent in *common Practice*; and that con-
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considerable Relief has been afforded in some *Diseases* generally *given up* as not to be *attempted* by *Medicines*. By these Means I hope to be the happy Instrument of doing some Good among *Your* MAJESTY'S *Subjects*: And as I am convinced any Endeavours to such a Purpose must be very far from being indifferent to a PRINCE of *Your* MAJESTY'S *distinguished Humanity*, I most humbly beg *Your* ROYAL Protection; and am,

YOUR MAJESTY'S

Most dutiful Subject, and

Most obedient humble Servant,

Westminster,
May 3. 1745.

CROMWELL MORTIMER.

T H E
P R E F A C E.

THE grand RULE to be regarded by all Men, is that of *doing as one would be done by*. None ought to bear it more in their Minds, than those who profess to undertake *the Cure of the Sick*; for surely it is the Duty of every *Practitioner in Physick*, to keep as close, as he can, to that *generous Precept* of ASCLEPIADES, *to cure his Patient safely, speedily, and pleasantly* (a).

Thinking it therefore my indispensable Duty, to adhere religiously to this *Precept*, I am resolved to communicate to the *Publick* the following *Narratives* of the Effects of certain *extraordinary Remedies*, come to my Knowledge of late Years; which I have experienced to be equally *safe* with those in *common Use*; much more *speedy* in effecting the Cures; so far *pleasant*, as not to be offensive to the *Palate*; and their Doses very small.

I must own, I was somewhat surprised, when I was first told, that there were, within the Reach of Art, *Medicines* of such *Efficacy*, as, *if taken at the Beginning*, to cure with *one Dose* a FEVER or a PLEURISY, and most other acute Distempers; or that in the GOUT (contrary to the *general Doctrine* of this Age, that nothing is to be done, but *Flannel and Patience*), even when it had attack'd the *Head or Stomach*, considerable Relief might be given! I found it difficult to shake off the

(a) *Celsus lib. iii. cap. 4.*

Impressions of Education and Custom ; and tho' I had *these Remedies* put into my Hands, and was instructed how to administer them, I was loth to leave the beaten Paths of Practice.

I tried the very *first Experiment with these Remedies upon myself* in a FEVER (a) : The Success encouraged me to proceed in the Use of them ; and, as there was Occasion, I gave them to my *Wife* (b), my *Children* (c), and most *intimate Friends*, as well as to a great Number of other *Patients*, some of whose *Cases* are contained in the following Pages ; which I think may suffice to prove both their *Efficacy* and *Safety*. It would have made a large Book, if I had publish'd all the *Cases* in which I have given them ; but I was resolv'd to confine myself to the Bounds of a *Pamphlet* : And that the *Reality* of the *Benefits* received by these *Medicines* might not depend on my own *Veracity* solely, the Reader will find all the *Cases* here inserted *attested* (d) either by the *Patients* themselves, or by such as attended them in their Illness ; except some now at a Distance, and a few where it was not convenient to insert Names ; for which Favour, and especially for the Readiness with which it was done, I take this *publick Opportunity* to return my Thanks ; hoping I shall have no farther Occasion to give any one the like Trouble.

These *Histories* may serve for the Information of my *Acquaintance*, against the Times when any of them shall fall sick : For, as I am injoined to keep the Preparations of *these Medicines* secret, these *Cases* can give no Light to the *Practitioners in Physick* ; but only apprise the Curious, what Realities there are in Art, which, possibly, by diligent Search and Labour, they may attain to : In the mean time, I hope none will be jealous of the Success, which may attend them in my Hands ; for what Injury can I do to any *Body of Men* ? The small Number of *Patients* I alone shall be able to attend, will be as nothing, in Comparison of the Multitude of Sick there must continually be in this large City.

I am not at all insensible, how much *Stepping out of the common Road* will alarm the *vulgar Practitioners in Physick* ; but I am prepared to receive with Patience all the reproachful and scornful *Appellations*, which, perhaps, Malice, Jealousy, and Disingenuity, may load me with : For the Observation of the late

(a) See Page 1. (b) Page 25, 60. (c) Page 7, 102. (d) The *Cases* were all sign'd at times between the Middle of December 1744. and the Middle of April 1745.

ingenious Mr. *Chambers* too frequently takes Place; *Those of the Physicians* (says he) [I should rather have said, the *Practitioners above-mentioned*] *servilely attached to the Train and Methods* [in Vogue]—we all know, have been ever forward to treat those, who think more freely, and are less stily devoted to Custom, and the reigning Practice or Mode, as Empiricks, Charletans, and Quacks (a). The introducing new Medicines has always met with Opposition: How remarkable an Instance of this was the *Peruvian Bark*, which is now become one of the main Pillars of our modern Practice.

Whatever others may think of the State of *Medical Learning*, I am persuaded there is a large Field of Knowledge still undiscovered. Who can say, that Physick is yet brought to Perfection? The most skilful *Physicians* must own how often the *Medicines* now in Use fail of their desired Effect; and that the Science and Art of Physick is capable of being daily improved by new Discoveries, either in the *Animal Oeconomy*, the Nature of *Distempers*, or the Effects of *Medicines*. HIPPOCRATES gives us an Hint which may be aptly taken in this Sense, That our *Art* is so long or extensive, that *Life* is too short to attain to Perfection in it (b): And elsewhere he tells us, *He was not yet arrived to the End of Physick, altho' he was an old Man; neither was ÆSCULAPIUS, the very Inventor of it* (c). I think it therefore incumbent on every Physician, to endeavour to augment his own Skill, either by Observation, by Reading, or by the Instructions of others; and if by any means he is so happy, as to acquire the Knowledge of any *Medicines* more efficacious than those in common Use, it is his Duty to recommend them to such, as intrust the Preservation or Recovery of their Health to his Care.

I am thoroughly aware of the general Exclamation in this present Age against *Arcana* or *Secrets*; but let me ask the Question, Would any prudent Man refuse the Knowledge of a thing, which might be of Service to himself, or his Neighbour, merely because the Person, who communicates it, thinks proper to do it on the *Condition* of *Secrecy*? Or should any good Man reject the Means of doing Good, because he has not Commission to make that Discovery of his Methods, which publick Curiosity or Censure may expect?

(a) *Chambers's Dictionary* under the Word *Empirick*. (b) *Hipp. Aph. 1.*
(c) In *Epist. ad Democrit.*

In the Days of HIPPOCRATES, the *Learned in the Medical Art* did not prostitute their Skill to every trifling Pretender to it; for that *Divine Old Man* says, *Sacred Things* are demonstrated to *sacred Men*; but it is not lawful [to do so] to the *Profane*, before they are admitted into the *Mysteries of Learning* (a); and, in his *Oath*, he makes his Pupils swear, *Not to impart their Skill* to any, but such as *take an Oath* according to the *Medical Law* (b).

These Remedies, of which the following Cases contain the Effects, are no *Novelties*, nor the peculiar Fancies of any *whimsical Chemists*; but have been known and experienced for *many Generations*, handed down in the ancient *Hippocratic Manner*. Some of them I owe to the Generosity and Confidence of a Person of Figure and Distinction in his own Country; neither which, nor his Name, I am at Liberty to mention: Other very useful and curious Things I have learned from other ingenious Gentlemen of various Nations, skilled in *Chemical Affairs*, having cultivated the Intimacy of several learned *Foreigners*, both when I was beyond-sea myself, and of others who have visited *England* for these twenty Years past: and for some I am indebted to our own Country-men.

It is not my Design to set up for Skill above my Brethren: A Man no stronger than his Neighbour may, by means of a Machine, if he only is Master of it, be able to lift a Weight, which the other cannot stir: So Sir Robert Tabor could, by means of the *Bark*, cure that *Ague*, which baffled the utmost Skill of the *French King's* most learned *Physicians*. Having had the Happiness of an Education under the great BOERHAAVE of *immortal Memory*, who honoured me with his Friendship and intimate Correspondence, even to a few Days before his Death (c); having had the best Advantages that *England, Holland, and France*, could give me; having seen a great Number of *Sick* for these twenty Years past; having had the sole Care of an *Infirmity*, as Physician, for ten Years of the Time; having assisted Sir *Hans Sloane* twelve Years in prescribing for such Patients, who used to flock to his House of a Morning; and letting *my own Doors* be always open to the *needy Sick*: These Considerations, I hope, may satisfy unprejudiced Persons, that I have some Share of Knowledge and Experience; and a Ca-

(a) In *Lege*. (b) In *Jurejurando*. (c) See his Letter to me, *His Friend* at LONDON, dated September 8. 1738. printed in his *Funeral Oration*, p. 69. Leyden 4to.

capacity of judging, whether, in like Cases, *these Remedies*, or the vulgar *Shop-Medicines*, have succeeded best.

Tho' I am enjoined to keep the Preparations of these Medicines secret, yet I am commanded to do *all the Good* with them I can, to *give* them *freely* to the *Poor*, and never to *sell* them: But, that I might not injure any *Apothecary*, when his Attendance is desired, or when One calls me in to a Patient, I have Leave to *make Presents* to him of such of them, as I shall think proper for the Patient to take, and to *allow* him to *charge* for them to the Patient, as for the like Forms of Medicines out of his own Shop. *This was the Method I at first endeavoured to have set out in*: I never intended to have taken any other Steps; imagining I should have found *Apothecaries* as glad to see the Sick recover speedily, as I was myself; and as sensible how often the common Methods fail! But what were the Motives of the Behaviour of some I have met with, they themselves best know. For, no sooner had three or four *Apothecaries*, and a Surgeon or two, seen the good Effects of some of these Medicines in a few Cases; no sooner had I declared, that *Fevers* and *Pleurisies* might often be cured without *Bleeding*, *Blistering*, and the *Quantities of Medicines usually given*; nay, that most acute Diseases, if taken in the Beginning, might frequently be carried off by *single Doses of certain Specificks*; but they immediately took the Alarm; and, instead of going on with me hand-in-hand, by accepting my Offers, declared, *They would oppose me, unless I would acquaint them what the Medicines were, or desist from the Use of them!* This was not sufficient to deter me from recommending to my *Patients* what, I was convinced, would *cure them soonest*: And if adhering to the Use of *these Remedies* shall procure me the *Censures* of any, as I am well satisfied, they must proceed from *self-interested Views*, I shall give myself no manner of Trouble or Uneasiness about them; but shall, under every Opposition, trust myself to the Protection of that *Providence*, which brought the Knowledge of these Things in my Way, and which has blessed them with great Success, in the Hands of others, as well as in mine.

I am very far from condemning all *Apothecaries* in general; on the contrary, I don't doubt, but as the Success of these Medicines shall be more publickly known, many of them will generously advise the Sick to have recourse to them.

As soon as I found, that my sincere Endeavours to do Good were likely to meet with envious and malicious Treatment ; as soon as I heard the Success of some *Cases misrepresented*, and *Facts themselves denied*, I thought it highly prudent to keep an exact *Journal* of every Patient's Case, to whom I gave any of these *Remedies* ; to set down all the *Patient's Complaints* ; the *Medicines*, and the *Quantities*, I gave ; the *Manner* of the *Operation* ; the *Effects* ensuing after each Dose ; and the *Event* of the Case ; that so I might be able to vindicate myself from unjust Censure. Had I not thus minuted down every thing from the Patients own Mouths, I could scarce have believed my own Memory, sufficiently to have ventured to have mentioned the surprizing Success I have generally seen.

Within these three or four last Years, I have set down near five hundred *Patients* in my *Journal-Book* (a) : I do not presume to say they have all been cured ; no ! but they have almost all found some temporary Relief, tho' the Complaints have in some Cases returned : The Number is very small of those who received no Benefit ; and still smaller of those who have died *under my Care*, when I have given any of these Medicines ; and, I thank God, none have been injured by any of them, they being as safe as *Ipecacuana*, *Rhubarb*, or *Jalap* ; and, upon a leisurely Review, I don't find any Reason to repent my having given any of them.

I pretend not to a *Panacea*, or an *Universal Medicine* : I know enough of the Nature of Diseases, and the Causes of Symptoms, to be persuaded, that no one Medicine can cure every Disorder. I am sensible, that several very learned and ingenious *Chemical Philosophers*, upon seeing the surprizing Effects of some of their Preparations in removing several *Distempers* called by different Names, tho' possibly arising from *one Cause*, have, by not being acquainted with the *Animal Oeconomy*, been too lavish in their Praises and Commendations ; and rashly given them the Name of *Panaceas*.

Could we see into the Insides of the Sick, we should find, in some Cases, the internal Parts as much destroyed, or unfit for their Functions, and as incapable of being restored to them, as an Arm or a Leg cut off ; which no body can have the Folly to pretend to set on again, or, by Medicine, propose to cause another to sprout out in its Room ; so that some Cases must

(a) About 150 of whose Cases are recited in the following *Histories*.

necessarily be in themselves incurable ; and we know, by daily Experience, *that it is appointed unto all Men once to die.*

If the Causes of Distempers were more attended to, and Names less regarded, I am persuaded, all the Diseases of the Human Body might be reduced to very few *Classes* ; and then, perhaps, each *Class* would require but one *Specifick Remedy* : I shall only instance in *Inflammatory Disorders* : What a numerous Train of Diseases would this one Class take in !

LET ME now give some *particular Remarks* on the *several Remedies*, of which the following *Histories* treat. The famous *Pitcairn*, who was not a Man that dealt in *Dreams*, had certainly a Notion of a *Specifick* that would cure *Fevers* : He mentions such a thing in his Chapter of *Fevers*, and places it as a *Desideratum* at the Head of his Book (*a*), *viz. a Medicine, which shall immediately take off the Rarefaction of the Blood, and lessen its Motion, no violent Symptom ensuing.* Such a Remedy I take the *Febrifuge Medicine* hereafter mentioned to be ; for in all the Cases wherein I have had Opportunities of giving it within the first three Days, it has proved as *certain a Specifick* for *Continual and Inflammatory Fevers*, as the *Jesuits Bark* for *Agues* ; nay, has seldomer failed (*b*). I am directed to confine my Attempts to the *three first Days*, because, after that Period, the *Crisis* of the Blood is often quite broken by the Continuance of the *Efferescence*, or *febrile Heat* ; as *Fermentation* soon changes the Nature of vapid *Wort*, or *Must*, to a spirituous inflammatory Liquor. But few People seized with feverish Symptoms, wait more than three Days without either Bleeding, Vomiting, Sweating, or Purging ; and as these are very seldom sufficient to stop a Fever in its Career, methinks the QUESTION is very plain, *Will you trust to those so-often-failing Remedies, or will you trust to one which has seldom failed of Success ?*

In *Quinses* and *Pleurisies* its Success has been very great (see p. 8—17).

I am assured, by the Person who taught me *this Medicine*, that it has been employed, with great Success, at *Constantinople*, *Smyrna*, and other Places in *Turky*, in carrying off the *Plague* itself, when taken as soon as any Symptoms have been perceived.

(*a*) Elem. Medicin. lib. ii. c. i. §. 35.

(*b*) See the following *Histories of Cases*, from p. 1. to 27.

The *great* BOERHAAVE (*a*) is the first Author who has expressly treated of curing the *Small-Pox* in the febrile State, and thereby preventing the Eruption; which he proposes to do by some *Specifick*, or treating it as an *Inflammatory Fever*. I am likewise assured, *this Febrifuge* will do the same, if given before any Eruption appears. I spoke to several Apothecaries of my Acquaintance of it, and desired them to procure me Opportunities of trying the Success of *the Febrifuge* in this Case; but I have never yet been able to get an Opportunity of trying it. I have given it soon after the *Eruption* appeared; it greatly abated the febrile Symptoms; and though the Disorder has been of the confluent Kind, the Patients went safely through it, and with much milder Symptoms than usually arise, where the Pustules prove so numerous, and recovered their Strength sooner than ordinarily afterwards (p. 19).

In *Remittents* (see p. 20.), the *Febrifuge* has not always succeeded; but I have found it bring them to an Intermission, if repeated, sooner than the *saline Draughts*, so much now-a-days in vogue; and then the *Bark* has put the finishing Stroke.

In *Intermittents* (see p. 23.), in some it has succeeded, in others it has sometimes failed; but it always paves the way for the *Bark* much better than any common *Emetick*; and I have not often met with Relapses, when the *Bark* has been given after it.

But I must observe to you, in both these sorts of *Fevers*, *Remittents* and *Intermittents*, I have never given it, where it has fail'd, but after the *three first Days*. But to proceed to the *Others*:

The Remedy I have made use of in *Disorders* of the *Head* (see p. 28 to 31), has had very good Success in many Cases, especially where the Stomach has been affected likewise; for these we know have a great Sympathy. The two Cases of *Madness* (p. 28, 29) are remarkable; and the *Paralytick* Case (p. 31.) deserves no less Attention, as the Lady was so far advanced in Years.

As for the *Asthma* and *Phthisick*, I have been taught two Sorts of *sulphureous Balsams*; one purgative, the other healing; but I have not yet had Experience enough of them to recite any Cases, wherein I have used these Medicines.

(a) Aphor. §. 1389.

The Success of the *Stomachick* and *Anti-colick Medicines* have been remarkable in *Pains* in the *Stomach* (p. 39, 42), in the *Gripes* (p. 43, 47, &c.), *Purgings* (p. 43, 45, &c.), *Worms* (p. 52), and *Faundice* (p. 53). The Case of the *Watery Gripes* in a Child so young (p. 49) is remarkable, and shews how mild the Medicine must be, which one of that Age could bear. The Benefit received from it in bad *Digestion*, and vomiting up *Watery Humours* of a Morning fasting, from *hard drinking*, has been very great (p. 41); and in other Cases which I am not permitted to publish.

That single *Pill* which stopped the *Lientery*, did somewhat very singular (p. 51).

The *Anti-nephritick Powder* has been attended with good Success, by removing the Inflammation of the Kidneys, caused by *Gravel* lodged in them; by which Means the Passages being relaxed, and *Diluters* given afterwards, the *Gravel* and small *Stones* have been removed (p. 54, &c.).

The *Diabetes* cured by the *Styptick Mixture*, assisted by the *Febrifuge Powder*, is likewise observable (p. 57).

As for the *Dropsey*, but few Cases have occurred: The Success the Medicine had upon myself and others, give me great Hopes of doing good with it (p. 59—61).

The *Anti-arthritick Medicine* has had surprising Effects in *Rheumatick Disorders* (p. 62): For, till I found it so by Experience, I should never have believed any Medicine efficacious enough to have removed not only recent Pains by *one Dose*, but Complaints of Months, nay, a Year or two Standing, by two or three.

The GOUT has been of late Years given up by most People to *Flannel and Patience*: But how much Time spent in *Pain* and *Patience* may this *Anti arthritick Medicine* save! For by it violent *Affections* of the *Head* (p. 83), most excruciating *Pains* in the *Stomach* (p. 74), have been removed in a few Hours by *one Dose*; and, when more obstinate, by *two*. *Wandering Gouty* Complaints have been carried off by two or three (p. 68); and very severe Fits of the *Gout* have not withstood above six or seven Doses; as, in particular, in the Case of my worthy Friend (p. 76) the *Physician* in the *Country*, which was drawn up by himself; where it may be remarked, That there

was no Translation of the morbid Matter upon the Head or Stomach, but that his Appetite grew better after having taken these Remedies ; and, what is remarkable, a certain Stiffness, which former Fits of the Gout had left in the Joints (p. 79), was now by these intirely carried off, and the Activity of Youth seemed restored to him.

The Rheumatism and Gout are Distempers so near a-kin, that they only differ as to the Parts they seize upon, and the Violence they act with. It is generally allowed, that the Rheumatism seizes the Membranes of the Muscles, the Gout the Membranes of the Joints : They are both Inflammations in Vessels too subtile to carry red Blood : And it is observable, that Persons drinking large Quantities of acescent Liquors, such as Punch and Wine, are most subject to these Diseases. And what confirms me still more in the Opinion, that both Rheumatism and Gout are Inflammations in lymphatick Arteries, proceeding from an acescent Disposition, is the good Effects of this Anti-arthritick Medicine, which is of a contrary Nature ; And where it has given Relief in most racking Pains of the Stomach, it has brought up a very sharp sour Humour ; after which the Patients have always found immediate Ease, and have soon after recovered their Appetite and Digestion, even to a surprizing degree, and that without the Help of Bitters, or other Strengtheners.

A Variety of Scorbutick Disorders (p. 86) have not occurred ; but the few that have, did not withstand above five or six Doses of the Medicine. I have given one Instance of a Leprous Disorder (*ibid.*) on the Back of the Hand, cured by the Sanative Water, assisted by the Antiscorbutick Medicines. You likewise have an Herpes, or the Shingles, cured by the same Water (p. 87).

As for Venereal Distempers, the Anti-scorbutick Medicine, with a certain Addition, proves so efficacious, that two or three Doses have taken off a Clap, assisted by the Sanative Water (p. 91). Chankers give way likewise to the same Water (*ibid.*). And you see here two Instances of inveterate Poxes cured without Salivation ; the one by five (p. 90), the other by ten Doses (p. 91).

But the most surprizing Cure I have been concerned in, is the Case of the young Woman (p. 88), who had lost the Use of all her Limbs from too plentiful an Uction of Mer-
cury,

cury, designed to raise a *Salivation*: The Salivation proved too violent, and left her deprived of the Use of all her Limbs; not so much as able to lift a Hand to her Mouth, nor hold any thing in it. In this Condition she was, when I first saw her. The Medicine which my Friend directed me to give her, had nothing *Mercurial* in it; yet it raised a Salivation for a few Hours each time it was given; and these temporary Salivations restored her to the Use of her Limbs. How this was brought about, I cannot account for, unless in this Manner: The Medicine being of a *Solar (a) Nature*, might attract to itself, as it was carried, by the Means of the Circulation, into the very utmost Recesses of the Body, any Particles it might meet with of the heavy sluggish *Mercury*, which being in greater Quantity than the Salivation could carry off, had deposited itself in certain Parts of the Body, so as to compress some of the principal Nerves, and thereby cause so general a *Paralysis*.

The good Effects of the *Sanative Water* have been very remarkable in curing *Ulcers* in the Legs (p. 92.-94). Its Property is to heal without relaxing; so that Proud Flesh seldom grows up, where this Water has been used from the Beginning; and where there was Proud Flesh before, it commonly makes it shrink and waste away.

Many of the Dressings used in *Surgery* relax the Sides of the Wounds too much, and so cause the Flesh which is generated to be exuberant, and to become quite spongy or fungous. With such relaxing Dressings, the *Bark*, or other restraining Medicines given inwardly, may greatly contribute to brace up the Vessels in general, and of consequence the Mouths of such as open into a Wound, and so prevent their discharging the nutritive Juice too plentifully, which turns into *Pus*, or hinder their relaxing too much, and forming fungous Excrescencies. All these Inconveniencies the *Sanative Water* prevents from the Beginning: It is subacid enough to resist Putrefaction, as appears by the Case I have given of a *Mortification* stopped by it (p. 96). It is restraining enough to prevent Exuberances: It has a Stypticity sufficient to stop slight *Hæmorrhages*: It is so mild in its Nature, that, if drank in a small Quantity, it will not offend the Stomach: There is nothing in it but what may be intirely taken in by the absorbent Vessels, therefore it may safely be used in all *Abscesses*; and, I dare say, would

(a) Partaking of Gold.

prove of excellent Service in *Stabs* and *Gun-shot Wounds*, into which it might be injected warm by a Syringe, the Orifice of the Wound being kept open only with a short and small Tent. I am assured it has cured *Abscesses* in the *Ear*, used warm: and likewise a *compound Fracture*; a Person's Arm being torn with Small-shot, and the Bone broken, the Bone was set as in a simple Fracture, but the Wounds were kept as it were in a perpetual Bath of some of this Water, which cured the Wounds, and the Bones united kindly. I think this Case is corroborated by the Case of the Man in the Tower, who had his Nose beat flat by the Fall of a Musket (p. 94).

Its most surprising Virtue of all is, the speedy Ease it procures to a scalding burning *Cancer*: Nay, the Cure of the Coachman's Breast (p. 98) is an Encouragement to undertake others. This Water acted in this Case upon the *exuberant Tumours*, as it does upon the Proud Flesh in others; and the *Anti-scorbuticks* given inwardly, seemed to have born a great Share in the Cure, by correcting the Sharpness of the Blood and Humours.

The *Styptick Mixture* is not so heating as *Helvetius's*, which is made with *Brandy*; for as this is prepared in *Water*, it stimulates less. Its having stopped *Vomiting of Blood* (p. 37, 38), and a *Uterine Hæmorrhage* (p. 59), are not contemptible Cases; as well as curing the *Diabetes* (p. 57).

The *Restringent Fomentation* soon checks the *Flux* from the Nose and Eyes on taking Cold, and restrains a *Catarrh*; but it is best to take a gentle Purge at the same time (p. 30). It has not only been of Service to the outward *Piles*, but to the inward ones likewise, injected like a Glyster (p. 51).

It has done great Good for the *Whites* (p. 58, 87).

It has cured a Bearing down of the Fundament (p. 51), and of the Womb (p. 59); and was of great Service in the *Furor Uterinus* (p. 53).

The *Eye-water* is an excellent Remedy in Inflammations of the *Eyes*, or *Eye-lids* (p. 100): It likewise cures the *Gumminess* of the *Eye-lids*: And if the *Cornea* has lost any thing of its Transparency, by its Membranes being too lax; and by that Means Humours less pellucid than those, which naturally flow in them, insinuating themselves into its Vessels, this

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Water has repelled such Humours, and restored the Membranes to their former Pellucidity: And thus, in the Case of the Girl in *Monmouth-street*, from being quite blind of one Eye, it restored her to Sight (p. 100).

The *black Plaister* is also of *Chemical* Origin: It is a great Dissolver of Obstructions; keeps the Part in a continual Bath of its own perspirable Matter; gives great Relief in Pains and Aches, especially in slight *Rheumatick* Pains (p. 67.); and it soon takes away the Inflammation, and Swelling of the Fingers and Toes (p. 72.) in the *Gout*, and gives great Ease, especially if Evacuations are made at the same time. I have tried it but once to promote Maturation (p. 97).

HAVING thus drawn up a Summary of my *Observations* on the Effects of *these Medicines*, which I have experienced the good Uses of, I shall now mention a few more, *which* I have not had Opportunities of trying.

A *Medicine* for promoting the Pains in *Labour*; especially when they are grown languid; or there is a Suspicion of the *Child* being *dead*: As I do not profess *Midwifry*, no Opportunity has offered for my making Trials, only in a single Case of a Miscarriage, where it was of great Service.

A *Medicine* lately communicated to me for the *Leprosy*, and *Scrophulous Humours*, I am assured, has been used with great Success in *Transylvania*, and other Countries bordering upon *Turky*, where these Distempers are more frequent than with us.

An excellent healing Medicine in a *Dysentery* or *Bloody-Flux*.

A *yellow Plaister* for Digestion and Maturation.

IN ORDER to convince my *Brethren* the PHYSICIANS, and the other *Practitioners* in *Physick*, that I am ready to communicate any thing, which may prove useful to the Publick, when I am not under the Restraint of *Secrecy*, I shall mention the following Hints.

Camphire is recommended to me as an *Antidote* to *Opium*. This I found succeed once with my own Wife (p. 97); which was the only Opportunity I have had of trying it. My Instructions are, to give five Grains of *Camphire*, made up in Pills with Crum of Bread, for every Grain of *Opium* it shall be
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supposed a Person shall have taken. This Effect of *Campfire* being an *Anti-opiate*, has been confirmed to me, as known in the *East-Indies*, by the ingenious Mr. *Reed*, who introduced among us the *Cinnabar* and *Musk* Medicine from *China*, for the Bite of Mad Dogs, &c.

I am assured, by a Gentleman of great Experience, that he has corrected *Gamboge*, by adding to it double its Weight of Nitre; and that then it becomes a very safe Purgative in Drop-sical Cases.

A *refrigerating Powder*, whose good Effects I have often experienced in *ardent Fevers*; which is only Nitre four Parts, white crude *Tartar* from *Rhenish* Wine one Part, powder'd, and mix'd with Powder of Chalk, and Sugar-candy. The *Tartar* makes the Nitre sit better on the Stomach; and, being crude, the earthy Part of it and the Chalk prevent its Purging as the *Crystals* do.

Viper-oil is an excellent *Ophthalmick* in *Dryness* of the Eyes, and *slight Inflammations* of them, where the Tears are deficient: It is likewise of great Use in *cutaneous Inflammations*, such as *St. Antony's Fire*, &c. (a).

(a) I was, many Years ago, informed by a curious Person, of these Virtues of *Viper-oil*, prepared in the same Manner as the *Oil of Eels*; and have always kept some by me, in order to have used it in Cases, where I should find the *Eye-water* above-mentioned, to fail; but, in Fact, I have found that *Water* so very successful, that I have never had Occasion to use the *Viper-oil*. I was pleased, afterwards, to find this Hint confirmed in the *Literary Memoirs of Germany*, printed at London, 1742. 4to. p. 456. where is the Translation of a Paper of Dr. Geo. Wolff. Wedelius, taken from the *Miscellanea Curios.* 1671. Obs. cxxv. p. 206. who, besides the simple Oil of *Vipers*, made use of *Viper's Gall* and Sugar for an *Ophthalmick*; as he says *Scultetus* did the Gall of the Pike (Fish). We likewise read of the Gall of a Fish being good to take away *Whiteness* in the Eyes, in the History of TOBIT, chap. vi. ver. 8. who recovered his Sight thereby, chap. xi. ver. 11, 12, 13.

The great Efficacy of *Viper-oil*, or *Fat*, is farther confirmed by Sir Hans Sloane; who, a few Days ago, publish'd an Account of his celebrated and most successful Remedy for sore Eyes; of which I have been a *Witness* in a great Number of Cases; having had the Opportunity of seeing his Practice with this Ointment in all the Varieties of Cases, in which he used to apply it, for above twelve Years together. I am told likewise, that the *Indians* in *Virginia*, &c. make use of the Fat of the *Rattle-snake* in the same manner; and that they also make an *Ophthalmick* of its Gall, by mixing it up with a cretaceous Earth into a Paste, which they dry in the Sun, then pulverize it, and make it into a Liniment with some of the Fat of the same *Serpent*.

Dr. Ludovicus, in his *Pharmacia moderno Seculo applicanda*, in his Works at *Francf.* 1712. 4to. p. 134. recommends the Oil of *Vipers* likewise in deep Wounds of the Eyes.

Viper-oil, or *Eel-oil* prepared by gently toasting the Fat taken out of the Belly of an *Eel* before the Fire, and letting it drop into a clean Cup, is of great Service for *Deafness*, where the *Ear* is too *dry*, or the *Wax* too *hard*.

An Ointment for Burns, which I have had frequent Experience of. Take *soft Soap*, *Honey*, and *Olive-oil*, of each equal Parts; make a *Liniment*, with which anoint the Part *burnt*, or *scalded*, twice a Day, or oftener, till the Fire is out.

The *Cortex Eleutheriæ*, in the Proportion of one Part to four of the *Bark*, increases the Effects of the *Bark* in curing *Intermittents*, which I have frequently experienced; and a Decoction of it in Water, or a Tincture in Brandy, make a fine *Bitter*. The Powder in Substance, given like the *Peruvian Bark*, will likewise cure Agues: It comes from one of the *Bahama Islands*, and is very cheap.

The Effects of *Celandine* [*Chelidonium majus*] in preventing the Returns of the *Gout* (p. 80), deserve Attention, and further Experiments; for the Tea of it is a very grateful pungent Bitter. I have been lately informed, that a Person had a very severe Fit of the *Gout* carried off in three Days, by the Juice of this Plant in Wine: A sufficient Quantity of the fresh Leaves were stamped in a Mortar, to afford two Ounces of the pure Juice; this was put into half a Pint of *Mountain Wine*; which was then divided into three Potions, and one was taken every Morning: I know not enough of this last Method to recommend it; I imagine the expressed Juice must be very acrid; and, therefore, I believe diluting it more might be better, for fear of offending the Stomach. And I have since been told, that a *Surgeon* in *Surry* makes a Powder of the dry Leaves, and gives about thirty Grains of it once a Day.

Now GIVE me Leave to make some Remarks on the Difference between *Chemical* and *Galenical* Preparations. The *Galenical* chiefly consist of *Vegetable* Substances, which require to be taken in large Quantities, and to be often repeated; because, if they are digestible by the Stomach, they soon pass off, as *Kitchen-herbs* in common Diet do; if not digestible, they load the Stomach and Bowels, especially if clogg'd with testaceous Powders (a). CELSUS says (b), that ASCLEPIADES laid aside the Use of the Medicines, for the most part [which

(a) See Breynii Obs. in the Philosophical Transactions, n, 459.

(b) Celsus in Præf. lib. v. & supra in lib. ii. c. 12.

were in Vogue in his time] *not without Reason*; and as almost all Medicines offend the Stomach, and are productive of bad Juices, he rather made all his Practice consist in the Management of the Diet. Can it be reasonably expected, that a weak Stomach, which rejects the lightest Food, and can scarce bear a little Broth, or Spoon-meat, should retain and digest Powders and Bolus's, and loathsome Draughts? On the other hand, Chemical Remedies may be given in very small Quantities, so as not to offend the Stomach.

BEFORE I conclude, I shall make some particular Observations on the Manner of the Operations of these peculiar Medicines. If we consider the Inlets by which most Distempers are commonly contracted, we shall find the two principal are, the swallowing unwholesome Air or Diet by the Mouth, and the checking Perspiration, or the imbibing infectious Particles by the Pores. Now these Medicines seem to act as Nature points out; sometimes vomiting, sometimes purging, other times going off by Urine, or even a Flux from the Nose (a), generally by Perspiration.

The common Emeticks and Purgatives seem to act by a certain Stimulus, because as often as they are taken, they produce their usual Effects; and, if given in larger Quantities, always act more violently; whereas this Class of Medicines seem to act merely in Proportion to the Quantity or Degree of morbid Matter they meet with, and seem to exert themselves chiefly in the particular Part, where they meet with it. I shall only instance in one or two: The Febrifuge Medicine, when I first took it myself, would neither have caused me to have vomited nor purged, had I not forced both; but it immediately took off the Nausea; and in less than half an Hour I felt its Influence at my Finger and Toe-ends; it then flung itself off by Perspiration. In some Cases it has vomited and not purged; in others it has purged and not vomited; but in all promoted Perspiration. This Medicine, if repeated, and the Anti-arthritick Medicine the same, generally purges less and less every time it is given, even, sometimes, when I have augmented the Dose. As the famous Gesner tried many Experiments on himself with Vegetables, in Hopes of ascertaining the Virtues of them, and thereby comparing them with the Virtues ascribed by the antient Botanical Writers to Plants bearing the same Name; so have I tried Experiments upon myself with most of these Medicines, that I might with more Confi-

(a) As in the Case p. 11.

dence give them to others : I have taken as large a Dose of the *Febrifuge* Medicine, as I should chuse to give to any one : I have repeated it more than once, when I was in full Health ; it attempted no sensible Operation, only it warmed me greatly, and raised my Spirits. I have taken the *Anti-artbritick* Medicine (though I never had any Touches of the Gout) three times running, two or three Days asunder ; this likewise warmed me, gave me a small slight Tingling in my Fingers and Toes ; but as the Weather was cold, it seemed to work off by Urine. Sometimes I have fasted after taking *these Medicines*, when in Health, only drinking some thin Water-gruel after them : At other times I have breakfasted soon after with *Tea* or *Coffee*, and Bread and Butter ; but this made no Alteration ; I was neither sick at Stomach, nor purged, only after drinking Water-gruel, I have sometimes strained, and forced a Stool not worth Notice.

From these Experiments I think it highly probable, what some *Chemical Writers* have said of their *favourite Medicines*, may be true ; *viz.* that they act upon the Distemper, and not upon the Stomach and Bowels, any farther than as they meet with the *morbid Matter* in them : And then they seem to act by Attraction, joining themselves hastily to the *morbid Matter* ; which Action causing an Effervescence, or intestine Motion, vellicates the Stomach or Bowels, and so brings on a Vomiting or Purging ; sometimes one only, and sometimes both : And if they meet with no *morbid Mater* in the Stomach and Bowels, they peaceably insinuate themselves into the *Mass of Blood*, and then pass off by the *Pores* or *Urinary Passages*, or only spend themselves in *correcting* the Fluids, especially the *alterative Kinds* ; and even those which do procure any Operation, either upwards or downwards, are often so slow in working, that they sometimes lie still an Hour or two before they move the Patient ; and I never knew any of the *Medicines* themselves rejected by Vomit.

HAVING thus given just and faithful Remarks on these *Medicines*, as far as has hitherto come under my Observation, I cannot forbear declaring, as I equally know the Merits both of *these* and the *common Medicines*, these are what I would venture *my own Health* and *Life* upon, and of my *Children* and *dearest Friends* : But I always leave every one who consults me, to his free Choice, whether he had rather take any of these *peculiar Remedies*, or whether I shall prescribe for him the *common Medicines* to be had at the *Apothecary's*, and to
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be made up by whom he pleases. Neither do I, in some Cases, lay aside the *Shop-Medicines* intirely ; for the *Bark*, *Opium*, *Mercury*, and some others, have their singular Uses. Therefore, as some *Apothecaries* have refused attending *Patients* where I was called in, and others to accept of my *Remedies*, I was under a Necessity of providing myself from time to time with such *Shop-Medicines* as I found necessary ; and I thought proper to offer *all such Persons* as applied to me directly for *Advice*, that they should have all the Medicines *Gratis*, which should be prescribed by me alone, or in Consultation with other *Physicians* ; nor did I expect any *greater* or *other Fee* (a) on account thereof, than what is given to a *regular Physician* : And this produced the dispersing among my Acquaintance the *Plan* (b) of my *present Method of Practice* ; which I design to continue.

In *Consultations* with my Brethren, I shall inform them of the *Intentions* and *Operations* of such of *these Remedies*, which shall have been given the *Patient*, before their being called in ; but while I am joined with another *Physician* in Consultation, I shall only propose the Use of such Medicines as he is already acquainted with, and that we both equally know the Effects of.

I likewise proposed to *Persons of Fortune*, who have the Generosity to take care of their *Servants* when sick ; to *small Families* ; or even to *single Persons* ; to have agreed with them for a *certain Salary* by the Year, computing at about a *Guinea* for each Person : This I was encouraged to undertake, from the great *Efficacy* of *these Remedies*, when *Patients* send to me as soon as they fall sick, for then I have the Distempers to encounter as Nature has formed them.

I except all *Venereal Cases* from this Agreement for a *Yearly Salary*, and all *Visits* required in the *Night* ; in both which Circumstances, I expect to be fee'd for my *Visits* : Nor will I visit *Any Body* in the *Night-time*, except an *Annual Patient* or a most intimate *Friend*, on very extraordinary Occasions.

(a) An *Half-Guinea* or a *Guinea* for every other *Visit*, as the *Patient* can afford.

(b) See the *Appendix*, p. 103.

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SECT. I.

Of CONTINUAL FEVERS.

My own CASE.

A continual Fever, with a Delirium, cured by one single Dose of Physick.

IN the Month of July 1741, my Son, a Lad of about seven Years old, went through the confluent Sort of Small-Pox safely: I lay with him every Night during his whole Illness, and was frequently called out of Bed to one of the Family, who was indisposed at the same Time: This often gave me Cold; so that the Lad was no sooner recovered from the Small-Pox, but I fell myself into a violent Fever, which began with the usual Symptoms, a Listlessness and Heaviness for a Day or two, then a Pain seizing my Head, Back and Limbs, attended with a Sickness at Stomach, and Aversion to all sorts of Food; so that had I not had the

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confluent Small-Pox myself twenty Years before, I should have suspected that I had now taken the Infection, and that this was a variolous Fever. The second Day of the Fever I drank plentifully of Diluters, and composed myself to sweat at Night; but I grew restless; the Fever increased; and, the third Day, I began to ramble in my Speech and Imaginations: The *Delirium* increased so fast, that in the Afternoon I imagined myself seized with an *Hydrophobia*, or Dread of Water. At this my Wife was greatly alarmed, and got two neighbouring Apothecaries to come and see me: They immediately proposed to take away some Blood, to lay on a Blister, and give me some *Gascoigne's* Powder and Sack-whey to make me sweat; and advised my Wife to send early in the Morning for my two good Friends, Sir *Hans Sloane* and Dr. *James Douglass*. I was very averse to both Bleeding and Blistering; and so we parted. An Event happening upon this, which diverted my Imagination of the *Hydrophobia*, I was persuaded to try to drink a little Barley-water: I did so; and immediately resolved to take a *certain Medicine* I had given me by a Friend, who had assured me of its great Effects *in the Beginning of a Fever*. I did not then know the Composition; but my Knowledge of my Friend's great Learning, Honour and Integrity, made me have Confidence enough in him *to venture the very first Experiment upon myself*. Accordingly, between Seven and Eight at Night, I took it in some Barley-water, and ordered Water-gruel to be got ready to drink in the working of it; for I was informed it commonly worked both by Vomit and Stool, and always by Sweat. Not finding it operate soon, I was forced to lie down in the Bed, and compose myself, being greatly fatigued, a Dizziness seizing my Head, the Pains in my Back and Limbs being as bad as ever, particularly attended with a Sense of Tension in the Skin of my Thighs, as though much swelled; a Symptom which had troubled me for the last twelve Hours, and which indicated to me, the Beginning of a subcutaneous Inflammation. I now felt no *Nausea*, or Sickness at my Stomach; but in a very short Time, less than half an Hour after having taken the Medicine, I began to feel a pleasant Tingling in all my Limbs, and a Sense of a Trickling creeping gradually all over me, to my very Finger and Toe-ends: My Head soon became easy: I can resemble the Sensation I then had, to nothing so like as to what one feels on coming into a warm Room, and being not too near the Fire, after having been long exposed in a Coach to the Cold in frosty Weather. Thus, in about three Hours, the Fever, and all the Pains, were vanished, the Medicine not having
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caused any Evacuation, except Perspiration. Therefore, wondering it had neither worked upwards nor downwards, I drank near a Quart of thin Gruel; but it gave me no Motion nor Nausea. In half an Hour I got upon the Close-Stool, and forced a natural Stool: I put my Finger down my Throat, and puked once; and drinking more Water-gruel, I vomited twice more, but very little: These Strainings forced another small Stool. I then got into Bed again, took a Draught of Barley-water with Nutmeg and Sugar, composed myself to sweat and sleep, fell into a moderate Sweat, slept till Six o'Clock in the Morning, and waked perfectly well, easy, and hungry; drank some *Panada*; rose about Nine; breakfasted, as usual, with my Family; one of the Apothecaries called upon me, and saw the sudden Change; I eat an hearty Dinner and Supper; kept in, out of Caution, all that Day, but went about my Business the next; and recovered my Strength and Health immediately.

The CASE of Mr. *Jos. Cam*, aged 17, Son of Mr. *Cam*, School-master, in *Dartmouth-street*, *Westminster*.

A continual Fever, with a Delirium, cured with one Dose.

MRS. *Cam*, the Mother, came to me, and told me her Son *Jo* had been ill of a Fever two or three Days; that he complained of Pains all over him, but more especially of a violent Pain and Heaviness of his Head; and that all that Night, and this Morning, *May 20. 1742.* he was quite delirious. He was a fat, chubby Lad, of a florid Complexion, and very full of Blood. I found him delirious, his Pulse very quick, and the Heat of his Skin very great. I gave him a Dose of the *Febrifuge Powder*, and orderd his drinking Water-gruel in the working: It gave him several Vomits, and two Stools; and all the Symptoms gradually vanished in a few Hours. I saw him quite well next Day; and he grew and throve remarkably after it.

The above is a true Account of the extreme Illness, and speedy Recovery of my Son,

Mary Cam.

The CASE of Mrs. *Ann Johnson*, Mantua-maker, at Mr. *Priest's*, Peruke-maker and Hair-cutter, in *Ayr-street, Picadilly*.

A continual Fever, cured with one Dose.

IN December 1742. Mr. *Levitt* desired me to visit this young Woman, his Patient, he being sent for to bleed her; but having a mind to try the Effects of the *Febrifuge Powder*, he refrained, and desired me to give her a Dose. I found her in a continual Fever, which had had no Remission for three Days: She complained of great Pain in her Head and Small of the Back: She took the Powder, which worked gently by Vomit, and afterwards by Stool: She immediately mended. I called to see her next Day, and found all her Complaints vanished.

The above is a true Account of the Illness of this Patient, and of her speedy Recovery,

Robert Levitt.

The CASE of Mrs. *Gooch*, Wife of *Tho. Gooch*, Esq; eldest Son to the Right Rev. THOMAS Lord Bishop of NORWICH.

A continual Fever, cured with one Dose.

THIS Lady got Cold and a Cough, *March 22. 1742-3*. In the Evening she was seized with a violent Pain in her Head and Small of her Back, and grew very feverish; lay in a hot burning Fever all Night; which Fever and Pains not going off in the Morning, an Apothecary was sent for: He immediately proposed Bleeding; but the Lady, never having been let Blood in her Life, was greatly afraid of it, and desired I might be sent for before she lost any Blood. In about two Hours Time I came to her. The Apprehensions of being let Blood had greatly affected her Spirits; but upon my telling her, that I could give her a *Medicine of my own preparing*, that would save her the Bleeding for this Time, her Spirits immediately revived. About Noon she took the Medicine: In about half an Hour it began to work: She drank plentifully of thin Water-gruel; it caused her to vomit four times plentifully, and brought up much Gall; but it did not

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work downwards. I called to see her in the Evening, about Eight; I found her perfectly well, all the Symptoms being gone. I had ordered her to go to Bed as soon as the Operation of the Physick was over, and to compose herself for Sweating: She did so about Four o'Clock, and fell into a moderate Breathing; but when I saw her at Eight, she wanted to get up, and was hungry. I allowed her Chicken-broth, and boiled Chicken; but she thought it a great Hardship to be confined that Evening to her Bed, being so well as she found herself. I called to see her next Day; she had no Return of her Fever, or any of those Pains*. I called again on the 29th, and found her quite well. I saw her accidentally next Day; she told me she had renewed her Cold, and had got a slight Cough; but it went off in a few Days.

The above is a true Account of my Wife's Illness and Recovery,

Tho. Gooch.

* She was somewhat low-spirited, for which I ordered her a common cephalic Electuary and cordial Julep.

The CASE of Mr. Christopher Baldwin, at Hopton Haynes's, Esq; in Queen-square, Westminster.

A continual Fever, carried off by one Dose.

THIS young Gentleman had got a violent Cough, March 6. 1742-3. I advised him to send for some of Mr. Rand's Lozenges (a famous Apothecary in Marybon-street): He took an whole Ounce at once, which heated him much: He was restless all Night, and began to be feverish towards Morning. Next Day he was very feverish and uneasy: I gave him four Doses of *depurated Nitre*, prepared after a particular manner. The 8th, at Night, he had little Sleep; was almost stupefied, as if he had taken *Laudanum*†, and his Fever was grown higher than ever. I gave him a Dose of the *Febrifuge Powder*, which vomited him twice, and worked downwards thrice: He was better in the Evening; and next Morning I found him quite well, all his Complaints being vanished.

The above is a true Account of my Illness and Recovery,
Christopher Baldwin.

† Mr. Rand told me afterwards what his Lozenges were made of: There was no *Opium* in them.

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The CASE of Mrs. *Loe*, aged 70, at Mrs. *Cooper's*, in *Bennet-street, Westminster*, now at *Portsmouth*.

A continual Fever cured by one Dose.

MRS. *Cooper* sent for me to see her Mother Mrs. *Loe*, on May 26. 1743. She told me, that, two Days before, her Mother was seized with a Shivering, then Cold like an Ague, followed by a violent Fever, which had increased ever since: She soon became delirious: They sent for a neighbouring Apothecary, who gave her a Vomit immediately, and sent her cephalic *Bolus's* and a Julep, which she took; and he sent her a Blister, to be laid on the third Night, and sent word he would come and bleed her: But Mrs. *Cooper* sent directly for me: I found the Patient very feverish, and had lost her Speech: I forbid the Bleeding, and ordered the Blister to be laid aside: I gave her a Dose of the *Febrifuge Powder*, which puked her gently three times, and gave her two Stools, and flung her into a breathing Sweat: She immediately mended, came to her Speech in a few Hours, slept well that Night. I called to see her next Day, and found her quite well, only weak; but she recovered her Strength in a few Days, and had no Relapse.

She told me, the Apothecary called in, took away his Blistering-Plaister in great Wrath, being exceeding angry at their preferring my Advice to his.

The CASE of Miss *Kitty Roberts*, Sister to Captain *Roberts*, of Colonel *Bing's* Regiment of Marines, at Mr. *White's*, in *Tothill-street, Westminster*.

An ardent Fever taken off by one Dose.

MARCH 10th, 1743-4. this young Lady complained of a Pain in her Head and Small of her Back: Next Day she grew feverish; all the Symptoms increased the third Day: Whereupon, in the Evening, her Mother Mrs. *Freeman*, sent for me. I found her in a high burning Fever, not able to hold up her Head; and, as she had now been three Days ill, I thought there was no time to lose: Wherefore, though it was late at Night, near Ten o'Clock, I gave her a Dose of the *Febrifuge Powder*: It vomited her four Times, gave her as many Stools;

Stools; she sweat all Night, slept well, and was quite well next Morning; and so has continued ever since.

The above is a true Account of my Daughter's Illness, and Speedy Recovery,

Cath. Freeman.

The CASE of Mrs. Man, Wife of Mr. Man, in
Marsham-street, Westminster.

A Fever, suspected to be Variolous, cured by one Dose.

NOV. 10. 1744. Mr. Man came to fetch me, in a great Hurry, to his Wife, who was just fainted away: I went with him directly to see her; she was now come to herself again: Being but about two Months married, I imagined she was Breeding, which proved to be true: She had taken Cold a Day or two before, had now a Pain and Giddiness in her Head, a great Sickness at Stomach, a violent Pain in her Back and cross her Loins, accompanied with a Fever. I ordered her this Evening, it being late, only some nervous Drops, and a Cordial to take, to prevent any Returns of the Fainting: Next Morning I found her Head better, and the Fainting had not returned. Her Friends suspected she had taken the Infection of the Small-Pox: However, I gave her a Dose of the *Febrifuge Powder*, which I made a Present of to Mr. Higgins, an Apothecary in the *Bowling-Alley, Westminster*, a young Man who always used me with great Civility. This Powder gave her four gentle Pukes, but made her very sick till it worked off, by one loose Stool: Next Day she was quite well, only weak.

This Account of my Wife's Illness is true, as well as the immediate Benefit she received from the Powder above-mentioned,

Robert Man.

The CASE of Miss Susanna Mortimer.

A continual Fever carried off by one Dose.

MY Daughter, a Child about eight Years old, was seized, Nov. 19. 1744. with a Cough; next Day she grew feverish, her Stomach turned at every thing, and she could not hold up her Head, complaining of a Pain and Heaviness in it, and

and Pain in her Back: All the Symptoms grew worse at Night, she was very restless, and lay burning-hot all Night; the 21st in the Morning, the Distemper increasing, and the Child refusing Tea, and even some Lozenges and Sugar-candy, which she used, at other times, to be fond of, I resolved to give her a Dose of the *Febrifuge Powder*: In less than an Hour it gave her four Vomits; she immediately grew brisk, began to play and to sing, grew hungry by Dinner-time, eat heartily of Chicken-broth and boiled Chicken, was hungry again at Supper, eat minced Chicken, rested well, and has continued well ever since.

I attended a Patient in the Small-Pox at the same time; and, as the Child had never had them, there was Occasion to suspect I had brought home the Infection.

S E C T. II.

Of INFLAMMATORY FEVERS.

The CASE of Mrs. Manning, at the Castle Alchouse, Whitehall, near the Admiralty.

A Fever and Quinsey cured by one Dose.

IN Sept. 1742. Mrs. Manning was seized with a Quinsey: She was bled, blistered, and had taken the usual Balsamics and restraining Gargles; but, the Symptoms all increasing, the Apothecary called me in, Sept. 7th: I found her so bad, she could not swallow a Spoonful of Liquid: I therefore ordered an emollient Gargle, with Directions, that the Persons, who sat up with her, should, when she was awake, inject with a Syringe that held about a Quarter of a Pint, some of this Gargle warm, as frequently as they could: This answered so well, that, by next Morning, she was just able to gulp down a Spoonful of Barley-water: I now thought the main Point gained; for it was in vain to order Medicines, till she could swallow a Spoonful or two. I called the Apothecary into another Room, told him I could give him a Remedy of my own preparing, which, I hoped, would save her Life; for that he had done already every thing in the common Way of Practice: He consented to give it her; she took but half the Dose of the *Febrifuge Powder* in a little Water-gruel, being afraid of bringing it up through
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her Nose, if she had attempted to take the full Dose: What she took, operated only by Sweat. I called to see her in the Afternoon, and found her sitting up in Bed drinking Tea; and so much better, as to drink a Dish of it without much Difficulty. I persuaded her to take the rest of the Medicine while I was present, and so took my Leave: This gave her one large Stool, and flung her into a great Sweat all Night: I called to see her next Morning about Eleven; found her sitting by the Fire side eating Toast and Butter, and drinking Tea; She told me, she was quite well, and could swallow as well as ever she could in her Life; and, smiling, asked me, What Charm it was I had given over Night?

The above is a true and exact Account of my Wife's Illness and Recovery.

John Manning.

THE CASE of *Francis Jefferies*, one who used to shew the Tombs at *Westminster Abbey*, lodging at *Mr. Richardson's*, a Pork-shop, in *King-street*, *Westminster*, near the *Horn Tavern Back-door*.

A Phrensy and Fever carried off by one Dose.

IN September 1742. *Mr. Jefferies* was seized with a Pain in his Hip, or *Sciatica*: His Apothecary bled him, purged him, and gave him the Medicines commonly made use of in this Case, particularly a large Quantity of Gum *Guaiacum*. His Disorder soon turned to a Fever, attended with so furious a Delirium, that two Men could scarce hold him down in his Bed. The Patient being in this Condition, *Mrs. Richardson* sent for me: I inquired who was the Apothecary; which being informed of, I told the People about him, I would call myself at the Shop, and order a particular Medicine there: I did so, and gave the Apprentice a Powder of my own preparing, with Directions to send it to the Patient. The Patient took it: It neither vomited nor purged him, as I expected: The Apothecary was uneasy at this, and sent for me to the Patient at Eleven that Night: He proposed Bistering, which I opposed; he proposed Bleeding, which I consented to, though he had been bled several times before. A Vein was opened: He soon grew faint, so that we were obliged to stop when about two Ounces were taken away, and to give him some *Hartshorn Drops*: In about half an Hour he grew as furious as

ever. I desired the People that were with him to keep him as quiet as possible all Night, in order to procure a Sweat; giving them Hopes, that if he sweat, he would be better by Morning. I called to see him next Day; was informed, that about Four in the Morning he began to come to himself, his Senses returning; that he lay quiet, and sweat all the rest of the Night; that he was easily awakened when necessary to give him any Drink, but soon fell asleep again, and so continued dosing and sweating for near thirty Hours; at the End of which Time his Fever was gone, and he had no Return of his Delirium. I ordered him some cooling Powders, and a Julep; whereupon he continued mending for several Days; but, in about a Week's time, his *Sciatica* returned, without any Return of the Fever or Delirium: An Account of the speedy Cure of which, under my Care, see in the Section of the *Rheumatisms*.

I attended Mr. Jefferies during all his Illness, and know he took a Medicine of Dr. Mortimer's: That that Night the Apothecary and Surgeon declared they thought he would not live till Morning: That the Doctor declared, before-hand, that the Medicine he intended to order, commonly both vomited and purged, and sometimes neither; but that if it flung the Patient into a Sweat, it might equally do Good: It did only sweat him, as above related, and he recovered beyond every body's Expectation who were about him.

Sarah Richardson.

I gave Mr. Jefferies a very small Dose of a reddish Powder (such an one as Dr. Mortimer has this Day given me to keep), which neither vomited nor purged him; but he grew better at the time and in the manner above related, notwithstanding that the Apothecary and Surgeon both declared he could not live till Morning.

March 18. 1744-5.

Elizabeth Yarnall.

The CASE of Mrs. *Martha Fancourt*, Wife to the Reverend Mr. *Samuel Fancourt*, at the Circulating Library in *Crane-Court, Fleetstreet*.

A Fever, and Heat in the Lungs, carried off by one Dose.

MR. *Fancourt* sent for me to his Wife, *March 24. 1742-3*. She complained of a Pain in the Back-Part of her Head, of a great Heat in her Lungs and Bowels, a Cough, and Numbness of her Limbs: I found her feverish, and concluded, that the Disorders of her Lungs and Bowels were inflammatory: I therefore gave her a Dose of the *Febrifuge Medicine*; she told me next Day, that it first began to operate, by causing a large Quantity of Rheum to distil from her Nostrils, upon which her Head became easy; almost an Hour after this, it gave her six Vomits, and five Stools, very sharp, fetid, and ting'd with Gall: She had a good Night; had no more Return of the Fever; the Heat of her Lungs and Bowels was quite gone; she gather'd Strength daily; the Cough went off in three or four Days, and she has enjoyed considerably better Health ever since.

The above is a true and punctual Account of my Illness, and speedy Recovery.

Martha Fancourt.

Upon this her Husband wrote me a most obliging Letter of Thanks, dated *March 26. 1743*.

*** *We have both the deepest Sense of the tender Care of the Doctor, whose skilful Hand has been blessed to remove the dangerous Symptoms so speedily, as well as effectually. I am,*

Your most obliged humble Servant,

S. Fancourt.

The CASE of *Henry Kirby*, Apprentice to Mr. *Cuff*, Optician, near *Crane-Court, Fleetstreet*.

A Fever and Pleurisy taken off by one Dose.

THIS young Man had been seized with a Fever and Cough, three or four Days before I saw him. His Mistress had given him the second Day an *Ipecacuanha* Vom-
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mit; the next Day, some Rhubarb, and at Night somewhat to sweat; all which answered well, but none of the Symptoms abated. *March 26. 1743.* his Master sent for me. I found him in an high Fever; he complained of shooting pricking Pains in his Sides, which almost took away his Breath when he coughed; of violent Pain in his Head and Small of his Back; and that his Cough was very troublesome. He took a Dose of the *Febrifuge-Powder*, which gave him twelve Vomits, and eight Stools, which he bore without being so faint as one might have expected from such plentiful Evacuations: Before the Evening, all the Symptoms were vanished, except the Cough. I saw him again next Day; he had slept well, had had no Return of his Fever, and found himself well, only weak, and the Cough continuing. On the 30th he was quite recover'd, except a little Cough, which wore off in a few Days.

The above Account is a true Relation of my Sickness and Recovery.

Henry Kirby.

The CASE of Mr. *Tho. Gilbert*, Wine-Merchant, the Corner of *Hollis-street*, and *Oxford Road*.

A Fever and Pleurisy cured by one Dose.

MR. *Gilbert* sent for me *March 26. 1743.* I found him feverish, complaining of a violent Pain in his Side, and a Cough: I gave him a Dose of the *Febrifuge Powder*, which vomited him thrice, and purged him four times. He instantly found himself better, and his Pain immediately vanished. He eat a pretty good Dinner; in the Afternoon he fell into a Sweat; he slept well all Night, but sweat greatly: Next Morning his Cough was much better; he had no Return of his Pain, except a dull one when he cough'd; his Respiration was perfectly free, but he was a little hoarse; for which I order'd him a common Lambitive. The 28th, he had no Returns of his Fever or Pains, but his Cough was troublesome. The 30th he thought himself quite well, except the Cough, which was much better.

The above is a true Account of the great Benefit I received by the Medicines as above.

Tho. Gilbert.

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The CASE of Mrs. Cooper, in *Bennet-street*, now at
Portsmouth, a Surgeon's Widow.

A Fever, and Difficulty of Breathing, cured by one Dose.

MRS. Cooper sent for me, *March 27. 1743.* in the Morning. I found her exceeding weak, much emaciated, labouring under a Fever, a Cough, and a great Difficulty of Breathing. I gave her the *Febrifuge Powder*, which gave her three Pukes, and two Stools. I call'd to see her in the Evening; I found her Fever and Difficulty of Breathing quite gone; and she was in much better Spirits. I did not call to see her again till the 29th, when I found her much mended: She had had no Returns of her Fever; she had slept well the two last Nights, without any frightful Dreams or Startings, but was still faint. The 31st she was quite well.

The CASE of Mr. *Antony Tait*, Taylor, in *Bennet-street*, *Westminster*.

A Fever and Vomiting carried off by one Dose.

MY Neighbour Mr. *Cam*, of *Dartmouth-street*, desired me to go and see this poor Man in *April 1743.* I found him feverish, very thin, having a Cough, with a continual Sickness, and vomiting up every thing he drank, which I concluded might proceed from a slight Inflammation of the Stomach; I therefore gave him a very small Dose of the *Febrifuge Medicine*, which gave him four Stools, but no Vomit: He immediately found himself better; his Fever and Sickness went off, and the Vomiting ceased at once. Next Day but one I gave him another small Dose, which worked only downwards. Upon this his Cough went off, and he grew well immediately.

The above is a true Account of my Illness, and the great Benefit I received from the Medicines above-mentioned.

Ant. Tait.

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The CASE of Mr. *John Garnett*, aged 20, Carpenter,
in *Wood-street*, near *Tufton-street*, *Westminster*.

A pleuritic Fever carried off by one Dose.

APRIL 30. 1743. Mr. *Garnett* came to desire me to visit his Son, whom he thought a-dying. I was informed he had been ill several Days of a Pleurisy, attended with a Fever; that the Apothecary, who had the Care of him, had twice taken away twelve Ounces of Blood, and had laid a Blister upon his Back, and given him the usual Medicines; but that the Symptoms were grown worse, and that he was delirious. I found his Fever high, and his Breathing difficult. Notwithstanding the Fever was above four Days standing, I was resolved to try the *Febrifuge Powder*; and, accordingly, offer'd the Apothecary a Dose to give the Patient; but he refused giving it: I therefore put it to the Father, whether he chose, that I should go on in the common Method in the like Cases, or, whether his Son should take my Medicine; from which I could not positively promise Success, tho' I thought it more likely to do Good than any thing in the Shops. He chose he should take it; he did so. It gave him several Stools. His Pain in his Side, and the Fever, abated; but he remained delirious, and was very restless all Night: Wherefore I ordered Blisters to be laid on his Arms; which I was sorry for, because the *Delirium* was greatly abated almost as soon as the Blisters were applied. He had no Return of his Fever nor Pains; his Breathing was free; in the Evening he came to his Senses; had a good Night's Rest. On the 2d of *May*, I found him quite well, only weak. He recovered his Strength every Day, and has enjoyed remarkable good Health ever since.

This is a true and exact Account of my Son's extreme Illness, and speedy Recovery upon his taking the Powder above-mentioned.

Geo. Garnett.

The CASE of *Mary Punch*, aged 70.

A Pleurisy and Fever carried off by one Dose.

I WAS desired to visit this good Woman, *August 12. 1743.* She told me she had had a Pain in her Side, and at her Stomach, for Seven Days, attended with a Fever. I gave her a Dose of the *Febrifuge Medicine*, which vomited her twice, and purged her four times. Next Day she was much better, and her Fever greatly abated; and in a Day or two more she was quite well, and has enjoyed a good State of Health ever since.

This is a true Account of the Benefit I received from the Medicine above-mentioned.

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The CASE of Master *Hopton Haynes*, aged 14,
Grandson to *Hopton Haynes, Esq;* of *Queen's Square, Westminster.*

A Fever, and Pain of the Side, carried off by one Dose.

OCTOBER 27. 1743. Master *Haynes* was feverish, and complained of a Pain in his Side about the Region of the Liver. I gave him a Dose of the *Febrifuge Powder*; and, calling next Day, found it had given him five Vomits, and one Stool; that the Fever was gone, and the Pain greatly lessened. The 29th, the Pain was gone, and next Day he was quite well.

October 31. being costive, I gave him an Ounce of *Manna*, which open'd his Body. November 4. he complain'd of a Pain cross his Stomach: I gave him two of the *Anti-colic Pills*, which, two Hours after, vomited him gently, gave him one Stool, and carried off the Pain.

The CASE of the Reverend Mr. *Roger Pickering*,
Fellow of the Royal Society, in *Charles-Square*,
Hoxton.

*A Fever, and Quinsey, carried off by one Dose, and once
Bleeding.*

THIS ingenious Gentleman, my very worthy Friend, complained to me, *April 24. 1744.* of being feverish; that his Tonsils were greatly swelled and inflamed, so that he could not swallow, but with great Difficulty. He is of a florid Complexion, and very full of Blood, and in the Vigour of his Age. He told me this was a Disorder he was at times troubled with; but that it was with great Difficulty, and a long time, before he could get rid of an Attack. He was then in *London*, and had to go to *Deptford* in an open Chair that Evening, the Weather being cold. This increased the Disorder; and he was very feverish all Night. Next Day in the Forenoon he took the *Febrifuge Powder* I had given him. It gave him four Vomits, and eleven Stools, and made him sweat somewhat. The Pain in his Back, and the Liffeness in his Limbs, were greatly abated, and he could swallow much better: But the feverish Symptoms not being quite gone, the 26th in the Morning, a Surgeon there persuaded him to lose sixteen Ounces of Blood, which was accordingly taken away. The Pains grew less; but there was a slight Return of the Fever in the Night. The 27th I went to see him; found the Fever, and other Complaints, quite gone; and the Patient was quite easy and well, only weak; which he recovered in a few Days, and has enjoyed a better State of Health ever since, than for many Months before.

Not only Friendship, but that common Justice which is due to real Merit, obliges me to give a public Confirmation of the above Account; neither can I omit mentioning, that several of my Family, in different Disorders, have made use of Dr. Mortimer's chemical Medicines with the greatest Safety and Success.

R. Pickering.

The CASE of *Jacky Whitten*, aged Five Years and an half, Son of *Samuel Whitten*, Poulterer, in the *Bowling Alley, Westminster*.

A Pleurisy, and Fever, carried off by one Dose.

THIS Child had got Cold; had a Cough; had been, of late, much subject to the Colic; and, for six Days past, had been troubled with a Fever and Pleurisy; for which his Mother consulted an Apothecary, who bled, and gave him Balsamics: But not mending, *May 4. 1744.* she asked my Advice. I gave him a Dose of the *Febrifuge Powder*, which vomited him thrice, and did not purge him, but flung him into a plentiful Sweat. Next Day his Pains and Fever were gone, and he quite recovered in a few Days.

This is a true Account of my Child's speedy Recovery, upon his taking the Medicine above-mentioned,

Emme Whitten.

The CASE of Lieutenant *Thomas Marriott*, of General *OGLETHORPE's* own Regiment, at the *General's* House, near the Horse-Guards, *Whitehall*.

A Fever, and Pain of the Side, carried off by one Dose.

SEPTEMBER 9. 1744. late at Night, the General sent for me in a great Hurry to this young Gentleman. He had an *Herpes*, or the Shingles below the Ribs on the Right Side, and a cutaneous Eruption of a scorbutick Nature in the Small of his Back. He had been blooded nine Ounces the Day before by an Apothecary, who had given him a Lotion to wash the Places with, where the Eruptions were; which he had used that Day; and, by his Advice, the Patient had this Evening taken a sweating Draught, which seemed very strong of Tincture of *Castor*, and Salt of *Hartshorn*. Soon after he had taken down this Draught, he was seized with a most violent Palpitation at his Heart, which flung him into such an Agony, that all about him expected nothing but his immediate Death; and the General was called up into the Room to him, whom I

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found sitting by him, when I came. I found the Palpitation somewhat abated: The Patient said the Draught was so hot in his Mouth and Throat, that it almost strangled him as it went down: He complained of having had a Pain in his Head all Day, of a Pain in his Side, and of being feverish: I found his Pulse very quick, and his Tongue white: I advised him to drink Barley-water, and to dilute well that Night. Next Morning he was much better, except the Pain of his Head and Side: I therefore gave him a Dose of the *Febrifuge Powder*; which, giving him six Vomits, and three Stools, carried off the Pains, and feverish Symptoms. I then gave him two alterative *Anti-scorbutic* Pills, which sweated him gently. The 11th, I gave him a Dose of the *Anti-scorbutic* purging Pills, which puked him once, and gave him six Stools. I called to see him the 13th, and found him very well, except the Shingles, which were not quite dried away; but, for the Management of them, I left him to the Care of Mr. *Hawkins*, a very skilful Gentleman, Surgeon to the General's own Regiment; and he was cured of these in a few Days.

The above is a true Account of my Illness and Recovery,
Tho. Marriott.

S E C T. III.

Of ERUPTIVE FEVERS.

The CASE of Mrs. *Stephenson*, Daughter to Mrs. *Fleetwood*, in the Whitsters Ground, *Peter-street*, *Westminster*.

Purple Spots attending a continual Fever, carried off by one Dose.

MAY 6. 1742. I was sent for to Mrs. *Stevenson*, who had been ill of a Fever several Days, under the Care of an Apothecary: I ordered her some Boluses and Juleps usual in the like Cases. When I had attended her a Day or two, some purple Spots were observed upon her Breast and on her Arms: I then gave her a *Febrifuge Pill*, which vomited her gently: The Spots were next Morning become red; by Evening looked yellow; and so next Day died away by degrees. She mended immediately after taking this Dose, and recovered in a few Days. She continued the Boluses two or three Days, and

and took two Purges afterwards. She enjoyed very good Health for a long Time.

This is a true Account of the purple Spots, in my Niece's Case as above, dying away by degrees, after taking the Pill above-mentioned,

Katherine Emes.

The CASE of Master *Thomas Stokes*, aged 5 Years (Nephew to Dr. *Burton*, Physician, at *Windsor*), in *Petty-France, Westminster*.

The confluent Small-Pox rendered milder.

MASTER *Stokes* was taken ill of a violent Fever, Nov. 1. 1743. All the Night and the next Day he was delirious, and towards Evening had strong Convulsions; when, being sent for, I found his Fever very high, and that some red Spots were already come out, which I imagined would prove the *Small-Pox*: I immediately gave him a Dose of the *Febrifuge Powder*, which vomited him three times, and purged him once: He was quite insensible all the while, never speaking during the whole Operation. About One in the Morning he spoke, and seemed to be come to himself as of a sudden; and he sweat plentifully the rest of the Night, his Fever being quite gone: Nevertheless, next Day, Nov. 3. the *Small-Pox* came forward kindly; but he had so little Fever, that I thought proper to order him warm Medicines, especially *Saffron*, in order to fling out the Pustules. The 8th Day, at Night, he was seized with a violent Looseness, having 36 Stools in 24 Hours, as his Mother informed me, and great Pain in his Bowels. Next Day I gave him a Dose of the *Anti-cholic Pills*, upon which the Number of Stools abated; but as the Looseness did not altogether cease, I repeated these Pills twice more, and ordered him the common *astringent Mixture*; the Stools being then about six or eight in a Day, the Pustules, which were very numerous, began to fill, and turned on the eleventh Day. Two or three Days after this, I gave him a Dose of the *Febrifuge Powder*, and two Days after another, in order to prevent the *secondary Fever*. They vomited him, and made him very sick, but no Fever came on; and he recovered

his Strength much sooner than ordinary, looked less red, and was less pitted than usual, after such a confluent Sort.

The above is a true Account of my Child's Illness and Recovery,

Jane Stokes.

S E C T. IV.

Of REMITTING FEVERS.

The CASE of Mrs. Fisher, Wife of Mr. Thomas Fisher, in the Bowling-alley, Westminster.

A Remitting Fever, with a periodical, pleuritick Pain, carried off with one Dose.

THIS Gentlewoman sent for me Jan. 25. 1742-3. She told me, she had had an Ague for near four Months, returning at times. She had lately lain-in, and was very weak after it. Her Fever returned soon after, but was now only a Remittent, it coming every Day, and not going quite off at all; and was attended with a periodical violent pleuritick Pain, coming on every Evening, and lasting an Hour or two to such a degree, that she could hardly breathe. I took the Pains to go to her Apothecary, who was then confined to his Room: I made him a Present of a Powder, ordering him to send it her, with the Directions I then gave: He sent it, indeed; but with this Message, *that it was something of the Doctor's preparing, and that he advised her not to meddle with it.* Accordingly she laid it aside for that Night †; but I insisted on her taking it next Evening, before the Time of the Pain's coming on: She took it the 27th, had one Puke, no Stool, missed the Fit and Pain, sweated a little in the Night, was quite well next Day, and had no Return of her Pains.

This is a true Account. Witness my Hand,

Mary Fisher.

† And instead of it took something of the Apothecary's, upon which she missed the Pain, but not the Fever-Fit; whether from the Virtue of the Medicine, or from the Surprise which the unexpected Message from the Apothecary flung her into, which, she told me, shocked her greatly, I shall not take upon me to determine; for if the Apothecary knew of any thing likely to remove this Pain, why did he not give it her before?

P.S. The Ague came on again in about a Week, after taking fresh Cold, and was a regular Tertian ; which was put by upon her taking the *Bark* : but it returned again in *May*. See the *Section of Intermittents*, p. 26.

The CASE of Mrs. Jackson, in John's-street, Westminster.

A remitting nervous Fever, cured by one Dose.

MRS. Jackson sent for me July 11. 1743. complaining of a *slow Fever* upon her *Spirits*, which commonly grew worse of an Afternoon, and informed me she was greatly troubled with Sweats, and that she had taken a great many things without finding any Relief. I found her very weak and low : I gave her a Dose of the *Febrifuge Powder*, which vomited and purged her gently : She was much better next Day ; and the 14th I found her well, and quite free from her Fever.

Sept. 4. following she sent for me again, complaining of a Dizziness in her Head, of being troubled with Wind, Sickness at Stomach, Shiverings, Feverishness, and periodical Sweatings, which I judged to be a slight Double Tertian : I again gave her the *Febrifuge Medicine* ; it made her very sick, but did not vomit her ; it made her sweat all Night ; and next Day, 20 Hours after taking it, she had five Stools ; her Fever and other Complaints went off, and she has enjoyed good Health ever since.

This is a true Account of the immediate Benefit my Wife twice found from the Medicine above-mentioned,

Thomas Jackson.

The CASE of Mrs. Sugg, Wife of Mr. John Sugg, Corn-chandler, in the Bowling-alley, Westminster.

A Remitting Fever, cured by one Dose.

MRS. Sugg had taken Cold, and had been troubled with Shiverings and wandering Pains for three Weeks ; she sent for me Oct. 3. 1743. complaining of cold Shiverings, and being feverish at times ; of a violent Pain in her Head ; of Pains moving about her Limbs ; of great Sickness, and frequent Vomitings ; of being oppressed with Wind, though her Stools

were

were loose. I gave her a Dose of the *Febrifuge Powder*, which vomited her thrice, and worked five times downwards: She sweat towards Morning; was much better next Day, the Fever, Pains, and Wind, being quite gone. On the 5th, about Eleven at Night, a slight Fit of the Fever returned, with a Giddiness and Pain in her Head: I ordered her some *nervous Drops*: The 7th she had had no Return of the Fever: The 12th I called again to see her, and found her quite well.

The above is an exact Account of my Illness, and the great Benefit I received from the Powder above-mentioned,

Ann Sugg.

The CASE of Mr. *William Crosby*, at the Tower.

A Remitting Fever brought to an Intermission by one Dose, and a Looseness cured by one Dose.

MR. Crosby desired to see me Nov. 24. 1743. having been ill some Days of a violent Fever, occasioned by catching Cold through the Severity of the Weather, during the latter Part of his Stay at some *Iron Mines* in the North Parts of *Lancashire*, belonging to his Grace the Duke of MONTAGU, and by being over-fatigued on his Journey. The Fever now remitted a little every Day: I gave him a Dose of the *Febrifuge Powder*, which brought off a great deal of Phlegm and Gall from his Stomach, gave him four Stools in the Night, and sweat him plentifully. Next Day he thought himself quite well. The 26th his Fever returned, but now under the Shape of a *regular Ague*; he had none of it next Day; but it returned the 28th, accompanied with a violent *Looseness*. The 29th I found him very weak and low, from the purging: I gave him three *Anti-cholick Pills*, which gave him a few Stools, and so carried off his Looseness, which was quite stopt the 30th. I then ordered him *the Bark*, after which he had no Return of his Ague.

The above is a true Account of this Fit of Illness,

William Crosby.

The CASE of Nurse Thompson, aged 60, in King-street, Bloomsbury.

A slow Fever on the Nerves, taken off by one Dose.

THIS good Woman had been troubled with a slow nervous Fever, returning, at times, several Days together, for above six Months. June 10. 1744. she asked my Advice; complaining of a continual Drought and inward Heat. I gave her a Dose of the *Febrifuge Powder*, but heard no more of her till August 3. when she told me, that the Powder had made her very sick, but had not vomited her, and had purged her six Times; but that all the feverish Symptoms immediately vanished.

This is a true Account of my lingering Illness, and speedy Recovery upon my taking the single Dose of Physick above-mentioned; and I have continued well ever since,
Mary Tompson.

S E C T. V.

Of INTERMITTING FEVERS.

The CASE of Ann Howard, in Strutton-Grounds, Westminster.

A Quotidian and Periodical Swimming in the Head carried off by two Doses.

MRS. Howard came to me March 14. 1742-3. complaining of a great Pain in her Head; that every Evening, towards Night, she was seized with a Swimming in her Head, which was followed by a Fever Fit. I gave her a Dose of the *Febrifuge Powder*: She called the 16th, to tell me, it had had no sensible Operation (though the Dose was a large one), but that the Pain was much less: I gave her a second Dose, which she told me, on the 19th, had neither vomited nor purged her; but that her *Vertigo* and *Fever* were quite gone.

My Daughter had immediate Relief from these Medicines; tho' they had no sensible Operation by either Vomit or Stool.

The + Mark of Hannah Stringer.

The CASE of *Richard Cochran*, a Bombardier, at the *Warren* at *Woolwich*.

A Quotidian cured by three Doses.

MR. *Cochran*, who had served as a Bombardier in the *Carthagena* Expedition, being just returned home, came to me for Advice: He told me, that he had been troubled with a *Tertian Ague*, in the *West Indies*, at Sea, and, since his Return, for above eighteen Months past. I first saw him *Apr. 25. 1743*. His Distemper was now turned to a *Quotidian*, or *Every-Day Ague*, seizing him every Afternoon at Four a-clock; and was attended with a Cough. I gave him a Dose of the *Febrifuge Powder*, which worked him six Times upwards, and as many downwards: The 26th and 27th the Returns of his Fever were very slight; the 28th he took another Dose, which only vomited him six Times, and gave him no Stool: The Fever was little or nothing afterwards: The 30th he took the third Dose, which worked again six Times upwards, and but only twice by Stool: After this he heard no more of his Fever. I saw him again the 7th of *May*, and he was well and hearty.

I heard, that being ordered to live at *Woolwich*, some Months after, he got a *Kentish Ague*, which was put by, by the *Bark*; but that he has been subject to frequent Returns of the Ague, by living in that low aguish Place the *Warren* at *Woolwich*; Agues being the general Complaints of most of the Inhabitants thereabouts.

This is a true Account of the great Benefit my Husband found from the Medicines given him as above.

Mary Cochran.

The CASE of Mr. *Samuel Mercer*, Glover, in *Bloomsbury-Market*.

A Quotidian changed into a Tertian, and cured by three Doses.

MR. *Mercer* had been some time troubled with an intermitting Fever, which regularly returned once a Day: He asked my Advice, *Oct. 5. 1743*. I gave him a Dose of the *Febrifuge Powder*: On the 8th he told me, it had neither vomited nor purged him, but that he found himself much better,

better, having had little or no Returns of the Fever; but that he had an *Ulcer* in his Leg from a Bruise, of which see the *Section of Contusions*. The 14th he told me his Disorder was changed to a *Tertian*, or Fever returning every other Day: I now gave him a larger Dose of Powder, which made him sickish, but did not operate; yet he had no Returns of the Fever till the 20th, when I gave him the third Dose: This likewise had no Operation; but he felt no more of his Fever, only was weak, and sweated on Nights: These Sweats likewise wore off in a few Nights; and so he recovered his Health perfectly.

The above is a true Account of my Case; and I have enjoyed a remarkably better State of Health ever since.

Samuel Mercer.

The CASE of Mrs. Mortimer:

A Quotidian cured by one Dose.

MY Wife had had a Cough, and been feverish, at times, some Days past; and she had Purgings frequently returning all the Winter. Feb. 11. 174 $\frac{1}{2}$ her Fever had changed itself into a regular *Quotidian*, this being the second Fit: I gave her a Dose of the *Febrifuge Powder*, which worked once downwards, and four times by Vomit: Next Day, she had four Stools, but no Return of her Fever: The 13th she had three Stools, and was otherwise quite well.

The loose Stools continuing, I gave her the common astringent Mixture, which checked them; and she enjoyed good Health for some Months together.

The CASE of Mrs. Pooley, at Toppingo-Hall in Essex:

An Ague cured with one Dose.

MRS. Pooley had been some Weeks troubled with a regular *Tertian*, and had taken many things for it; some *Bark*, but not regularly: I happened to go into Essex in July 1742. when she consulted me: I gave her but one Dose of the *Febrifuge Powder*; it vomited her six times, and gave her four Stools; and she sweated plentifully afterwards: The Fits grew less and less, and, in a few Times, quite left her; and she continued well,

well, not having had any Returns, from that time to *Michaelmas* 1744.

The CASE of *Robert Bird*, of *Tarling* in *Essex*.

An Ague cured with one Dose.

IN *July* 1742. this old Man, who had been my Father's Game-keeper, hearing I was in the Country, came to me, and told me, he had been troubled with a *Tertian Ague* for several Weeks: I gave him a Dose of the *Febrifuge Powder*: It worked gently with him; but his Ague left him immediately.

The CASE of — *Bird*, Wife of the said *Robert Bird*.

An Ague cured with one Dose.

JULY 1742. the Wife was attacked with the Ague, in the same manner as her Husband: I gave her a Dose of the same Medicine, but less in Quantity; it had the like Effects, and her Ague left her.

The CASE of *Mrs. Fisher*, in the *Bowling-Alley*,
Westminster.

A Tertian Ague much diminished before the Bark was given.

MAY 6. 1743. *Mrs. Fisher* sent for me, and told me her Ague was returned, after an Interval of three Months: See p. 20. She having recovered her Strength pretty well, I resolved to try what the *Febrifuge Powder* would do, without the *Bark*, which she now quite nauseated: I gave her a Dose, which caused four Vomits: The 8th, she told me the Fit was much lessened: The 10th, she took a stronger Dose of the same Medicine; but it gave her only three Vomits: The 12th, she took another strong Dose of the same; it gave her only one Vomit: The 14th, she took such another Dose, which likewise caused but one Vomit; she missed a Fit, and had got a good Appetite: The 16th she took such another Dose, vomited but once, and missed her Ague: The 17th, caught a fresh Cold: The 18th, had little Shiverings and Uneasiness in the Morning,
but

but was very well in the Afternoon: The 20th, she took another Dose, which made her sick, and puked her once: The 21st, she had no Shiverings, but thought she felt some Footsteps of the Fit: The next Day she was well: The 23d, she felt some little Remindings of the Fits; therefore, next Day, I resolved to give her some of * *my Bark*: The 26th she was quite well: By the 27th, had taken two Ounces, and had no Relicks of the Ague; but, to prevent a Relapse, I gave her seven small alterative Pills, of my own preparing, to take one every day with a Glass of Bitters: *June* 2d, she continued well, proved soon with Child, and has enjoyed an extraordinary good State of Health ever since.

The above is a true Account,

Mary Fisher.

* A Present I had from *Peru*.

The CASE of *Eliz. Brome* in *Old Pye-street, Westminster*.

A Tertian of several Months standing cured by two Doses.

THIS poor Woman came to me, *Dec.* 30. 1744. complaining of an Ague, which shaked her violently, every other Day, for two Months past; but had first began and hung about her, though not so violently, ever since *September*: I gave her a Dose of the *Febrifuge Powder*, which worked six times upwards, and as often downwards, and sweated her plentifully: The next Fit was very slight: I gave her another Dose, which only puked her four times, gave her two Stools, and sweated her as the other did. She heard no more of her Disorder. She called upon me *March* 23. 1744-5. and said, if it had not been for the good Luck of being recommended to me, and the Success attending it, her poor Family of Children must have starved.

I thankfully acknowledge the great Benefit received by the two Doses above-mentioned, not having had any Returns of my Ague, and having enjoyed perfect good Health ever since.

Eliz. Brome.

C H A P. II.

Of DISEASES of the HEAD, THORAX,
and ABDOMEN.

S E C T. I.

Of DISEASES of the HEAD.

The CASE of Mr. Martin, at Nurse Wood's, in
Tyburn-Road, near Soko-Square.

A Mania or Madness cured by three Doses.

THIS Gentleman had lived well; but, thro' Misfortunes, coming to Decay, Grief had brought on *Epileptic Fits* for some Years past: At length, being seized with a *Mania*, he was carried to this Nurse's, till his Friends could get him into *Bethlem (Bedlam)*. April, 1742. a Relation of his Wife's desired me to visit him. I found him chained down in his Bed Hands and Feet, quite furious, not knowing any body. I gave him four *Pills*, which vomited and purged him several times; upon which he was much better. The next Day but one, I saw him sitting up in his Bed, calm, and with his Hands at Liberty. I repeated the *Pills*, which operated as before: In a few Hours he came quite to his Senses; knew People; and was unfetter'd. Four Days after, he took a third Dose of the *Pills*, was quite well, and remained so for near two Months; when, as I was informed, upon catching Cold, he was seized with a *Quinsey*, and died in a few Days; but I was not sent for.

This is a true Account of the speedy Cure of this Patient, upon his taking the above-mention'd Medicines, he being all the while under my Care.

Signed with the Mark of
Eliz. Wood.

Witness the Mark of
Ann Alce.

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The CASE of Mrs. ———, Wife of ———.

Melancholy and Vapours carried off by one Dose.

MRS. ———, being about 33 Years of Age, of a sanguine plethoric Habit, regular as to her *Menses*, but was subject to be very costive. She had had no Child for six Years; had been troubled with Vapours, Melancholy, and Lowness of Spirit, for some time; was now fallen into some Degrees of Despair; had taken several Things by the Direction of her Apothecary; but, finding no Relief, her Husband applied to me. I gave her a Dose of a *certain Medicine*, which vomited her strongly, and gave her Tremblings to her very Fingers Ends, afterwards flinging her into a Sweat. She grew better daily; and has been in perfect Health, brisk and lively, ever since. Soon after this she proved with Child, and went well thro' her Time.

The CASE of Mr. *John Heller*, at Mrs. *Mansfeild's*, in Great *Exeter-Court* in the *Strand*.

Head-ach, and Sickness at Stomach, cured by one Dose.

JANUARY 20. 1743-4. Mr. *Heller* complained to me of a Pain in his Head, and Sickness at Stomach. I gave him a *certain Medicine*, which caused a gentle Puke or two, and work'd as often downwards. All his Complaints went off directly: He has had no Returns since; but his Appetite and Digestion have been better ever since, than for some time before.

The above is a true Account of the great Benefit I received from the above-mentioned single Dose.

J. H.

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My Own CASE.

A Catarrh and Defluxion carried off by the Restricting Fomentation.

IN the Winter 1743. I caught a violent Cold, which fell upon my Eyes and Nose, causing a great Flux from both, attended with a continual Spitting of thin Rheum. I had a Mind to try the Effect of the *Restricting Fomentation*: Wherefore I fomented my Eyes with it, they being greatly inflamed. I snuffed some of it up my Nose, and gargled my Throat with some more. It answer'd my Expectation; for all my Complaints went off in two Days: But an Head-ach ensued, which I attributed to using this repellent Method without Purging. Some time afterwards, I was seized with the same Complaints; which were carried off as soon, by the Use of the same Fomentation; but without any Head-ach, which was effectually prevented, by taking some purgative Physic the second Day.

The CASE of *Thomas Clark*, recommended by *Mr. Hancock*, Shoemaker, in *Tothill-street, Westminster*.

A Bastard Quinsy cured by one Dose.

THIS poor Man came to me *June 21. 1744.* complaining of an *Angina notha*, or Bastard Quinsy, which had held for eight Days, attended with a great *Catarrh*: He was now very feeble. I gave him a Dose of the *Febrifuge Powder*, that vomited him six times, and purged him five. All his Complaints went off in a few Days.

The above is a true Account of the great Benefit I received by the single Dose.

Tho. Clarke.

P. S. He told me, that some Days after he took two common Purges, for fear of a Relapse; but that the Quinsy was removed before he took them; and that he has enjoyed extraordinary good Health ever since.

The CASE of Mrs. Boreman, Bookseller, in Guild-Hall.

Fits, Tremblings, and Want of Appetite, removed by one Dose.

JULY 17. 1744. Mrs. Boreman came to me for Advice, complaining that she was troubled with Falling Sicknets Fits, which commonly returned every three or four Days, preceded always by a Sense of Heat cross her Kidnyes; and that she was frequently subject to Tremblings; and that she had had a Loss of Appetite, and a bad Digestion, for some Years. I gave her a Bottle of the common *Nervous Drops*, and a Dose of a *certain Powder*. She called upon me again, *August 4.* to tell me the Powder made her very sick, and gave her only three Vomits; that her Tremblings were gone; that her Appetite and Digestion immediately mended; and that she had had no Return of her Fits. I called to see her, *Feb. 19. 1744-5*; when she offer'd me the following Testimonial.

I hereby thankfully acknowlege, that, after having taken the single Dose of Medicine above-mentioned, my Fits left me, my Appetite returned, and I have enjoyed a better State of Health [she said as good as ever in her Life] than for some Years before. Sign'd

Mary Boreman.

The CASE of Mrs. Say, aged 69, Widow of the the late Reverend Mr. Samuel Say, in Bennet-street, Westminster.

A Palsey in the Tongue removed by one Dose, and a Blister.

ON Christmas-day 1743. Mrs. Say was seized with a Palsey of her Tongue; her Speech was taken away; her Mouth and Eyes were drawn to the Right Side. I gave her a *certain Medicine*, which gave her five Vomits, and four Stools. She was very faint after the Operation was over; she

she slept well; lay in a Sweat all Night: Next Morning she knew People, and could speak a little; she was inclinable to sleep all Day, and snored much when asleep: I therefore order'd her a Blister to her Back. The 27th, the Sleepiness was gone, and she could speak much better. I order'd her some cordial *Bolus's*: She grew better every Day, and had no Returns of the Palsey.

This is a true Account of my Mother's Illness and Recovery.

Sarah Say.

P. S. About thirteen Months after, she was seized with a Lethargy, which carried her off in a few Days.

S E C T. II.

DISEASES of the BREAST.

The CASE of Mr. James Mynde, Engraver, in King-street, Little Tower-hill.

An Inflammation of the Lungs carried off by one Dose.

SOMETIME after *Christmas* 1741. Mr. Mynde had taken a great Cold, attended with a Cough, for which he had been blooded, and taken Medicines usually given in such Cases, by the Advice of his Apothecary, but without Success: keeping within on this Occasion; and having several Plates ready for the *Aqua Fortis*, he thought to amuse himself with pouring the *Aqua Fortis* upon them, as usual in his Business, the Fumes of which so greatly increased the Inflammation of his Lungs, which was but slight before, that he found himself under great Anxiety and Difficulty of Breathing, accompanied with Pains in his Head, Bones, and particularly about the Breast; for which Complaints, upon his consulting me, I gave him a Dose of the *Febrifuge Powder*, which vomited and purged him gently, then flung him into a great Sweat, upon which the Pains and other Symptoms ceased: I ordered him a common *Linctus* for his Cough; he grew well, and recovered his Strength

Strength in a few Days, and has enjoyed a better State of Health ever since, than for some time before.

The above is a true Account of my Illness, and speedy Recovery,

James Mynde.

THE CASE of Corporal George Maccallom, in Col. OGILVIE's Company, in the Third Regiment of Foot-Guards.

First a consumptive Disorder, afterwards a violent Purging and Colick, cured.

IN October 1742. Col. Ogilvie sent this Patient to me for Advice: He then complained of a violent Cough and De-fluxion on his Lungs, attended with a *Quotidian Fever*, followed by great Sweats; which having laboured under for a considerable time, he was brought very low, not having found any Relief from a Variety of Medicines he had taken: I ordered him the common Pectorals, and gave him a *certain Medicine* of my own preparing, which worked him gently both by Vomit and Stool; after which he soon recovered, and continued well for some time; but afterwards catching Cold, he got a Tertian Ague, which was cured by the *Bark*.

In May 1743 he came to me again, complaining of the Colick and a violent Purging: I gave him some *Anti-colick Pills*, which purging him moderately, carried off the Pains, and stopt the Purging; upon which he immediately recovered greatly, and has enjoyed perfect good Health ever since.

This Man had been a long Time in a declining Way, as is above-mentioned; but soon recovered after taking Medicines by Dr. Mortimer's Advice; and is now in perfect Health,
George Ogilvie.

THE CASE of Mrs. Stringer, in Stretton-Ground, Westminster.

A Dyspnœa removed by one Dose.

THIS good Woman complained to me of a great Difficulty of Breathing, and a Sense of a great Weight at her Stomach: She had been blooded; but not finding Relief, she applied
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plied to me Jan 9. 1742-3. I gave her a *certain Powder*, which vomited her gently; and she was quite well next Day.

This is a true Account of the great and immediate Benefit I received from this single Dose; and I continued well above two Years,

The Mark + of Hannah Stringer.

The CASE of Capt. *Christopher Middleton*, F. R. S. who was lately sent upon the Discovery of the *North-West Passage*.

A Dyspnoea and pleuridick Pains carried off by two Doses.

THIS Gentleman, after having passed a Winter in *Hudson's Bay*, having undergone many Hardships and great Fatigue in his Attempt towards the Discovery of the *North-West Passage*, and having suffered greatly from the Extremity of the Cold, was attacked with rheumatick Pains, a Difficulty of Breathing, and Stitches in his Side; for which, upon his Return home, he was blooded, and took several balsamick Medicines. In *March 1742-3.* he consulted me; I gave him only two Doses of a *certain Remedy* of my own making: The first had no visible Operation: The second gave him a gentle Puke or two: He immediately found himself relieved, and grew quite well in a few Days.

The above is a short, but true, Account of my lingering Illness, and speedy Recovery,

Christopher Middleton.

The CASE of Mr. *Beech*, Leatherseller, in *Fetter-Lane*.

A Pain of the Side carried off by one Dose, two different times.

MR. *Beech* complained of a Pain in his Side Nov. 26. 1744. and of a cutaneous Eruption about his Chin: I gave him a Dose of a *certain Medicine*, which vomiting him three times, and giving him two Stools, carried off all his Complaints.

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Jan. 20. 1744-5. upon taking Cold, the Pain of his Side returned: I gave him the same Medicine again, which had the like Success as before.

This is a true Account of the great Benefit I twice received from the Medicine above-mentioned,

William Beech.

The CASE of Mr. Charles Kerwood, at the Adam and Eve in the Bowling-alley, Westminster.

A Pain in the Side and Back carried off by two Doses.

IN June 1744. Mr. Kerwood having come up from Woolwich by Water, caught Cold; was seized with a violent Pain in the Small of his Back, and a Pain in one Side, which greatly affected his Breath, attended with a slight Fever: I gave him a common Dose for a strong Man of the *Febrifuge Powder*, which did not operate at all; I therefore gave him, next Day, a much stronger Dose: This worked him briskly both upwards and downwards, and sweat him afterwards plentifully. He immediately found Ease, and was quite well in a Day or two.

This is a true Account of my Illness, and the great Relief I found soon after having taken the second Dose, as above-mentioned,

Charles Kerwood.

The CASE of Elizabeth Birtby, aged 63, in Vine-street, Westminster.

Pains in the Side, and Stitches, cured by two Doses.

THIS poor Woman came to me Dec. 26. 1744. and said, that she had been troubled for ten Days past with Stitches in her Sides, and wandering Pains in several Parts: She had been bled seven Days before; had a Cough and Spitting; and was so weak, her Husband could scarce lead her along: I gave her a Dose of a *certain Powder*, which gave her four gentle Vomits and three Stools, and made her sweat gently. Next Day the Stitches and Pains were all gone, only a dull Pain under her Right Ribs. *Jan. 1. she was much better; that*

Pain now moving in her Bowels with the Wind; which coming away, gave Ease. I sent her another Dose, which gave her but one gentle Puke and four small Stools. The 5th she came to thank me, being grown strong and well, and all her Complaints gone. Her Appetite returned after the last Puke, which brought away Stuff like rotten Eggs, but of various Colours.

The above is an exact Account of my Wife's Illness and Recovery,

William Birtby.

The CASE of Mrs. Bate, aged 69, in Scotland-yard, Whitehall.

A Palpitation of the Heart and Pain of the Side carried off by one Dose.

THIS Lady, Daughter of the Rev. Michael Stanhope, of *Bocton-Malherbe* in *Kent*, had formerly been subject to rheumatick Pains in her Leg, and at times to convulsive Contractions in the Nape of her Neck: She sent for me *Jan. 25. 1744-5.* having been some time troubled with a Pain in her Left Side, just under the Ribs, frequently attended with a Palpitation of the Heart, for which she had lately been blooded. I gave her a *certain Powder*, which had a gentle Operation: Next Day her Pain was almost gone; it wore off in a Day or two more; and she has had no Returns since of either the Pain or Palpitation.

This is a true Account of the extraordinary Benefit I received from the single Dose of Physick, as above-mentioned,

Eliz. Bate.

The CASE of Mary Thorp, aged 16, in King-street, Bloomsbury.

Vomiting of Blood stopped in a few Dys.

IN — 1741. I was called to this young Woman. She was frequently troubled with a Cough, which was now very violent, and caused her to cough up Blood. I made a Bottle of the *Styptick Mixture*, and bid her take some of it, with

with Sugar or without, as she pleased, twice a Day; and I ordered her a common *Lambitive* for her Cough. By the Use of these Things she got quite well in a few Days.

Several Months after this, upon catching Cold, the bringing up Blood returned, with a violent Cough; but they were again removed, by the same Means, in a short time; and she never had any Returns of vomiting or spitting Blood.

This is a true Account of the immediate Benefit my Daughter twice received from the Use of the Styptick Mixture above-mentioned,

John Thorp.

The CASE of Dr. *Alexander Stuart*, F. R. S. Physician to her late Majesty Queen CAROLINE.

A Spitting of Blood carried off in a few Days.

IN June 1742. I went to *Chelsea*, to make a Visit to my most intimate and much esteemed Friend Dr. *Stuart*, who had taken a Lodging there for the sake of the Air, being now fallen into a Consumption, attended with a Cough, and a Spitting of purulent Matter tinged with Blood: I told him of the *Styptick Mixture*, and acquainted him with the Nature of it; telling him of the good Effect it had upon *Mary Thorp*, whose Parents he knew. He desired me to make him a Bottle of it; which I did*, and desired him to take some of it twice a Day. In two or three Days the bloody Streaks disappeared; and, after that, he took the *Jesuits Bark*, by the Advice of Sir *Hans Sloane*. He had no Returns of spitting Blood; but he died quite emaciated and consumptive about three Months after.

* Which he acknowledged in the following Manner:

“ Dear S I R,

“ I am greatly obliged to you for this valuable Token of your continued Friendship and Esteem, which I shall endeavour to cultivate by all the good Offices that are in my Power * * * being, with sincere Respect and Esteem,

“ Dear S I R,

“ Your most obedient,

June 22. 1742.

“ and obliged humble Servant,

“ *Alexander Stuart.*”

The CASE of *John Williams*, Brewer and Drayman,
at Mr. Cary's, at the *Angel* in *Long-Ditch*, *West-*
minster.

Vomiting of Blood, from a Bruise, stopped by the Styptick
Mixture.

IN the Beginning of *March* 1744-5. this honest Man was
carrying an heavy Box on his Shoulders, and fell with
great Force with his Breast against a Butcher's Block, which
bruised his Side much.

He spit some Blood that Night; next Morning he took
a Glass of the *Styptick Mixture*: He soon after became sickish,
and vomited up a Pint of clodded and clear Blood mixed.
He continued to take a Glass every three Hours, till he had
taken a Pint. The Quantity of Blood he brought up by
Coughing grew less and less, every Glass he took; and, in less
than twelve Hours, quite ceased. He was able to go to
work next Day; and has had no Return of it since, being
three Weeks ago.

*The above is a true Account of the great Benefit I received
from the Medicine above-mentioned,*

The Mark 2 of John Williams.

SECT. III.

DISEASES of the BELLY.

ARTIC. I. Of DISORDERS of the STOMACH.

The CASE of *Mary Cochran*, Wife of *Richard Cochran*,
a Bombardeer at the *Warren* at *Woolwich*.

Vomiting of Blood from the Stomach cured.

MR S. *Cochran* came to me, *May* 3. 1743. and asked my
Advice for a continual Loathing, Sickness, and Pain at
her Stomach. I gave her a Doie of the *Anti-colick Pow-*
der,

der, which caused her to vomit once, bringing up black Matter; which, by what happened afterwards, I suppose was Blood extravasated, clodded, and half-putrefied: She voided a large Quantity of the like Matter, black as Ink, by Stool, the Medicine purging her four times. The Sickness went off, but the Pain continued. The 6th, she came to me again; when, having over-walked herself, she complained of being quite tir'd, faint, and sick at Stomach; I gave her a Cordial of *Penyroyal* and *hysterick Water*: She immediately, in my House, fell a vomiting, and cast up near a Quart of florid Blood. I then gave her a Glass of the *Styptick Mixture*, with a little strong Cinamon-water; it stopped her Vomiting at once: I gave her some of the *Mixture* home with her, to take twice or thrice a Day, for a Day or two, and a cordial Mixture, if she should be faint. She did so; has had no Return of vomiting Blood ever since, but continues well.

This is a true Account of this Fit of Illness; the Vomiting of Blood being stopped soon after my taking the Styptick above-mentioned, and I have had no Signs of it since,
Mary Cochran.

P. S. In the Feb. preceding this, she complained to me of a violent Pain in her Side, proceeding from a Bruise she had got from a Fall. I gave her a Dose of a certain *Medicine*, which gave her only one Puke, and one Stool, but carried off the Pain. See p. 42 and 44.

The CASE of Mrs. *Ram*, Wife of Mr. *Huet Ram*, Enameller, in *York-street*, *Covent-Garden*.

Sickness, and Pains at the Pit of the Stomach, removed by one Dose.

JAN. 19. 1742-3. Mrs. *Ram* sent for me; complaining of Sickness at Stomach, and Vomitings, with shooting Pains at the Pit of her Stomach; that she thought the *Menses* were beginning to leave her; that she had rheumatick Pains in her Right Thigh and Hip; and that her Body was very open. I gave her a *Pill*; which, after two Hours, gave her one Vomit, and two Stools, that Evening, and two Stools next Morning: She found all her Complaints much better; the 20th her Pains were all gone. I saw her again the 21th, when she told me, she had had a slight Purging, with some colick Pains,

Pains, but they soon went off again. I called again *Feb. 4.* and found her quite well.

Witness, H. Ram.

The CASE of Mr. ———, a Gentleman of
Note in the City.

A Sicknefs at Stomach, and Tenefmus, carried off by one Dofe.

MR. ——— sent for me in ——— 1743. complaining of being, at times, feized with a great Sicknefs at Stomach; which commonly went off by a loose Stool or two: He had observed Gravel in his Water, and was often troubled with a *Tenefmus*, or Inclination to go to Stool, without being able to do any thing, only forcing out a great deal of Wind. He had taken Medicines proper for these Disorders, *by the Advice of a learned Physician*; and had drank Tar-Water; but, finding no Relief, was persuaded to consult me. I gave him but one Dose of the *Anti-colick Medicine*, which did not move him once upwards; but, six Hours after his taking it, began to work downwards; and that Night, and next Day, gave him in all eight Stools. The Sicknefs immediately went off; the *Tenefmus* was no more felt; the *Flatus's* grew less; and he was quite well in a Day or two.

A Month after he sent for me again; and he told me, he had been so perfectly free from all his Complaints, since I saw him last, that he wanted an Opportunity of making me a farther Acknowledgement; and, as he was going for some time into the Country, he desired to have another Dose to take with him, for Fear of any Relapse. Having enjoyed exceeding good Health ever since, not having had the least Return of any of his Complaints, he had the other Dose by him untaken *January 30. 1744-5.* when I called to see him, to desire his giving me his Testimonial to the above Case; but he then gave me Reasons, why he enjoined me not to use his Name in Print; tho' he promised me, he would readily aver, on all Occasions, the Truth of the extraordinary Benefit he received from the *single Dose*, as above-mentioned, which many of his Acquaintance have heard him own.

The CASE of Mr. Benjamin Mynde, Son of Mr. Mynde,
the Engraver. See p. 32.

*Pains at the Stomach, and an universal Heat and Itching,
carried off by two Doses.*

MR. Mynde desired my Advice for his Son Benjamin, June 22. 1743 who then look'd very pale and thin, having complained for some time of a Pain at his Stomach, Itching of his Nose, an inward Heat, and an Itching all over his Body. He had formerly vomited up Maw-worms. I gave him a *certain Powder*, which caused him to vomit six times, and gave him three Stools; whereupon his Pains immediately went off, and all his other Complaints were greatly abated. A few Days after, I gave him a Dose of the *Anti-scorbutick Pills*, which purged him six times, carried off all the Remains of the Heat and Itching, and he has remained well ever since.

*The above is a true Account of my Son's Complaints, and
speedy Recovery;*

James Mynde.

The CASE of Mr. Peter Cooke, Salesman, at the
Sugar-loaf in Monmouth-street.

A Vomiting and Sickneſs cured by one Doſe.

MR. Cook complained to me, September 24. 1743. of great Sickneſs at Stomach, and violent Vomitings, on a Morning while faſting; of ſcorbutick Eruptions in ſeveral Parts, attended with Itchings. I gave him a Dose of a *certain Powder*, which gave him five Vomits, and one Stool, and carried off the Vomitings and Sickneſs. I ſaw him a few Days afterwards, when he told me, he was quite well; and he has enjoyed an extraordinary good State of Health ever ſince. His Diſorders were brought on by hard Drinking.

*I take this Opportunity of gratefully acknowledging, the great
Benefit I received from the Medicine above mentioned,
tho' taken but once,*

Peter Cooke.
The

The CASE of Miss *Hannab White*, Daughter of Mr. *Edward White*, Oilman, in *Totbill-street*, *Westminster*.

A Pain at the Stomach, and Head-ach, cured by one Dose.

IN May 1744. Miss *White* complained of a violent Pain at her Stomach, of Sicknefs, and a Pain in her Head. I gave her a Dose of a *certain Medicine*, which had no sensible Operation, but carried off all her Complaints.

This is a true Account of the Benefit my Daughter received from the Medicine above-mentioned: And several in my Family, and many others, by my Recommendation, have received great Relief from Medicines given them by Dr. Mortimer,

Edward White.

The CASE of Mrs. *Cochran*, at *Woolwich*.

A violent Pain of the Side carried off by one Dose.

OCTOBER 26. 1744. Mrs. *Cochran* came to me, complaining of a heavy Pain in her Right Side in the Region of the Liver. I gave her a Dose of the *Anti-colic Medicine* in Powder: It vomited her but twice, and that gently; but it made her, at first, so sick, that she was afraid, she should have fainted. It gave her several Stools three or four Hours after, which immediately carried off all the Sicknefs, and the Pain likewise; and she has enjoyed much better Health ever since.

This is a true Account of the Benefit I found, after the Operation of this Dose of Physick above-mentioned was over,

See p. 39.

Mary Cochran.

The CASE of Mr. *David Owen*, Stay-maker, at
Craven-House, Drury-lane.

Vomiting and Dizziness cured by one Dose.

DECEMBER, 1744. Mr. *Owen* complained of a Loathing at his Stomach, and a Readiness to vomit at every thing he took; having lost all Appetite; and having a great Dizziness and Swimming in his Head. I gave him a Dose of the *Anti-colick Powder*, which vomited him five or six times, bringing off a great deal of Phlegm and Gall, and operated four times downwards. He sweat greatly afterwards, and found a warm Tingling all over him to his Fingers and Toes End; after which he mended every Day; recover'd his Appetite; the Swimming in his Head, and all other Complaints, immediately went off; and he continued in perfect good Health afterwards.

The above is a true Account of my Disorders, and speedy Recovery,

David Owen.

ART. 2. Of DISORDERS of the BOWELS.

The CASE of Mrs. *Hudleston*, Relict of *Ferdinand Hudleston*, Esq; of *Millum-Castle* in *Cumberland*, lodging in the *Broad-Way, Westminster.*

A Colick and Looseness cured with one Dose.

IN the Winter 1741. this Lady consulted me for a *Diarrhea*, attended with violent Colick-Pains. I treated her then with common Medicines, usual in such Cases, but could not get the better of her Complaints for several Days, and then with Difficulty too.

In October 1742. the same Disorders return'd, and in the same Manner. I tried the common Remedies, but with no Prospect of better Success: I therefore told her frankly, that I had been lately taught a Medicine, which, I believed, would give her present Ease; that I was obliged to keep it a Secret; but that, as I had prepared it myself, and thought it as harmless as *Rhubarb*, I would recommend it to her; tho' I had

never yet tried its Effects on any body in the like Case. She expressed great Confidence in me, and desired to take it. I gave her only two of the *Anticolick Pills*, which gave her two little Stools, and carried off her Pains directly : In six Hours after, I found her up, free from Pain, at Supper with a neighbouring Lady, Mrs. *Fleming*, having a boil'd Chicken before them. She continued well, and the *Diarrhœa* stopp'd at once.

The above is a true Account of my Illness, and speedy Recovery, in this Case, as well as afterwards in the Jaundice,

E. Hudleston.

The CASE of Mr. *Robert Levitt*, at Mr. *Goswell's*, Attorney, in *Cumberland-Court*, near *Northumberland-House* in the *Strand*.

A Colick and Indigestion cured with two Doses.

IN ——— 1742. Mr. *Levitt*, being lately come to Town from *Paris*, complained to me of Qualms, and Sickness at Stomach; of griping purging Stools, attended with windy Eructations: He said, he had tried several Medicines; some by his own Advice, some by the Direction of a very *eminent Physician*, but all in vain. I gave him two Doses of the *Anti-colick Medicine*, which operated as a Vomit, caused a large Discharge of Urine, and afterwards sweat him. The Sickness and Pains immediately went off; his Digestion, which before was very bad, mended daily; and he has continued in perfect Health ever since.

The above is a true Account of my lingering Illness, and speedy Recovery,

Robert Levitt.

The CASE of *Mary Cochran*, at *Woolwich*.

A Vomiting and Colick carried off by one Dose.

IN July 1742. Mrs. *Cochran* sent for me to her Lodgings in *London*; she complained of continual Vomitings, a Pain at her Stomach, and Colick. I gave her a Dose of the *Anti-colick Powder*; it gave her one Puke, and two Stools: She found

found immediate Ease, and was quite well next Day, when I called again to see her.

This is a true Account of the immediate Relief I found by the Powder above-mentioned,

Mary Cochran.

The CASE of Mrs. Haynes, in Queen's-Square, Westminster.

A Colick and Diarrhoea cured with one Dose.

THIS Lady, being seized with a Purging and Colick-Pains, sent for me, Feb. 3. 1742-3. I gave her some *Anti-colick Pills*: They worked three or four times by Vomit; and, in the Night, disturbed her with several Stools, much abounding with Gall. I found her quite easy and well next Day. She has had no Returns; but has enjoyed a perfect good State of Health ever since.

I acknowledge the Benefit I received on the above Occasion,
Mary Haynes.

The CASE of Mr. Thomas Fisher, at the Olive-Tree, in the Bowling-Alley, Westminster.

A very obstinate Colick cured by three Doses.

MR. Fisher was seized with violent colick Pains April 28. 1743. His Apothecary had purged him, and blooded him. When I was called in, I first order'd him an oily Mixture, with Balsamicks, and Medicines to carry off Wind: But, the Symptoms not mending, the 30th I was resolv'd, tho' much contrary to the Apothecary's Inclination, to give him two *Anti-colick Pills*: They purged him smartly, and carried off all his Pains.

May 3. he took a Dose of three Pills, which had no Operation. The 5th he took another Dose, which had likewise no Operation. The 12th, he found himself quite easy. In order to prevent Relapses, on the 18th I gave him three Pills more: They puked him a little, and gave him five Stools. The 19th he found himself exceeding well. The 22d I order'd him some Bitters, to strengthen his Stomach. The 23d I gave him fourteen alterative Pills of my own preparing, to take
one

one a Day, with a Glass of Bitters after it. These have answer'd so well, that he has had no Return; but has enjoyed an extraordinary State of Health ever since.

*The Contents of the above-mentioned Case are exactly true ;
as witness my Hand,*

Thomas Fisher.

P. S. In Nov. 1742. Mr. Fisher consulted me for collick Pains, attended with nephritick Symptoms. I gave him a Dose of the *Anti-colick Medicine* in Powder : It both vomited and purged him; the Pains immediately abated; and he continued easy that Night, and next Day; when, having taken Cold, a violent Pain seized him quite round his Loins, and the lower Part of his Belly, with a great Weight and Pain on the Neck of the Bladder. Upon this I order'd him a Turpentine Glyster, which gave him some Ease for the present; but I at last observed, that his Pains were periodical, and so I propos'd the *Bark*. It seems he had got an *Effex Ague*, at the same time as his Wife, see p. 20. in the *August* preceding; and had taken the *Bark* by his Apothecary's Order, which had taken it off. It now returned in this irregular manner, shewing itself first in colick and nephritick Pains, instead of the cold Fit, but going off in a hot Fit and Sweat. Not having then had so much Experience of the *Anti-colick Medicine* as I have had since, and the Apothecary being uneasy, I did not give another Dose; but, before the Patient would take the *Bark* again, another Physician was called in, in Consultation with me : I acquainted him what I had done, and that I had given him a *certain Medicine*, like Rhubarb in its Operations; that I observed the Pains to be periodical, and that I intended to have order'd the *Bark*. The Doctor was for suspending this, and propos'd Bleeding, and balsamick oily Medicines; but these not removing the Pains, he left the Patient solely to my Care : I order'd him the *Bark*, and he soon recover'd.

The CASE of *William Tomson*, Potter, in *Tufton-street*, *Westminster*.

A Nervous Colick cured by two Doses.

JUNE 11. 1743. I found this Patient complaining of that nervous kind of Colick, which Painters, Plumbers, Potters, and all other Workmen are subject to, who handle much *Ceruss* or White-lead, or are in the Way of the Fumes of Lead. His Pains had been violent, and he had not had any Stool for six Days, till the Day before I saw him; when, after having taken many Things in vain, he had a Stool or two upon taking two Scruples of *Pil. e duobus*, but his Pains continued. I gave him a very moderate Dose of a *certain Medicine*, which made him sick at Stomach, and worked in his Bowels, bringing off Wind, but neither vomited nor purged him: He became easier. The 12th I gave him a stronger Dose of the same; which had no sensible Effect that Day, but gave him two large Stools the next Day. His Pains intirely went off, and he continued well.

The above is a true Account of my violent Illness, and speedy Recovery,

William Tomson.

P. S. A certain Surgeon had pronounced, that he could not live.

The CASE of *Mr. Thomas Benfield*, Distiller, in the *Maize*, in *Tooly-street*, *Southwark*.

A Vomiting and Purging cured by one Dose.

MARCH 29. 1744. *Mr. Benfield* sent for me, complaining of a great Sickness at his Stomach, with frequent Vomittings and Purgings. I found him a little feverish: I gave him some *Anti-colick Pills*, which, after two Hours, made him vomit four times, and purge nine times that Evening, and three times the next Morning: After which all his Complaints abated, and in a few Days he was quite well.

This is a true Account of the great Benefit I received from the Pills as above-mentioned,

Tho. Benfield.

The

The CASE of Mr. *Francis Howard*, Tinman, in *King-street, Bloomsbury*; or at Mr. *Walker's*, Tinman, in *Pall-mall*, facing the *Hay-market*.

A Colick cured by two Doses.

JUNE 3. 1744. Mr. *Howard* asked my Advice, complaining of the Colick, which he said returned frequently upon him with great Violence. I gave him a Dose of the *Anti-colick Powder*, which vomiting him twice, brought up a great deal of Gall, and purged him six times; whereupon his Pains greatly abated. The 6th I gave him another Dose, which vomited him twice, and gave him but one Stool; after which his Pains went quite off.

The CASE of *Henry Howard*, aged 7, Son of the above.

Colick and bloody Stools cured by two Doses and one Clyster.

JUNE 3. 1744. this Boy was troubled with the Colick, a Looseness, and bloody Stools, voiding sometimes clodded Blood. I gave him a proper Dose of the *Anti-colick Medicine*, in Pills, which caused him to have only three Stools; after which he was much better: And having taken some of the *Restricting Fomentation*, by way of Clyster, he voided no more Blood. The 10th he took a Dose of Pills, near double the Dose of the former; which, instead of purging him, left him bound; and he continued well, none of his Complaints being returned.

The above are true Accounts of the immediate Benefit both I and my Child received from the Medicines given us by Dr. Mortimer,

Francis Howard.

The CASE of Mr. John Matthews, in Nag's-head-court, Great Tower-hill.

A violent Purging stopped by one Dose.

MR. Matthews had been near twelve Months troubled with violent Purgings: He had taken many things by his Apothecary's Directions: He then sent for me in Jan. 1743-4: I proposed giving him a Medicine of my own, but he chose to take the common Shop-Medicines; accordingly I ordered him the common *astringent Mixture*, *Rhubarb*, *Opiates*, &c. The Disorder returning soon after, he took, by a Friend's Advice, Wheat-flour put into a Money-bag, and boiled; but all in vain: So, at length, he sent for me, desiring now to take what I thought best. Aug. 7. 1744. his Purgings being returned with Violence, and griping Pains, I gave him a Dose of the *Anti-colic Pills*: They gave him two large Stools; his Pains immediately vanished; his *Diarrhœa* stopped; his Stools, in a Day or two, became hard; he recovered his Strength very soon; and had no Returns of the Pain.

Sept. 18. he had a Purging came on him again: The 20th he took another Dose of the Pills, which immediately carried off the Disorder; and he has been in good Health ever since.

The above is a true Account of my lingering Illness, as above, and of my speedy Recovery by the aforesaid Prescription,
John Matthews.

The CASE of Andrew Tait, a Child, 9 Weeks old.

The Watery Gripes cured by one Dose.

AUGUST 14. 1744. Mrs. Tait desired me to see her Child, whom she suckled; but it vomited up every thing; had watery purging Stools, smelling very sour. I gave the Child a proper Dose of the *Anti-colic Medicine*, which puked it several times, and gave it three or four Stools. The 16th the Vomiting and Purging were ceased, no Water came away with the Stools which were now of a proper Consistence. I advised the Mother to give it some Powder of Crabs Eyes, with a little Salt of Wormwood, to correct the Acidity of the
H Milk.

Milk. I saw her again the 24th, when she told me, her Child continued quite well; and it has throve ever since.

This is a true Account of the immediate Relief my Child had from the Medicine above-mentioned,

See p. 13.

Sarah Tait.

The CASE of *Penelope Boyd*, aged 4, Daughter of *Mr. Boyd, Hosier, &c. in Story's Passage, St. James's Park.*

A violent Colick cured by one Dose.

MR. *Boyd* came to me in a great Hurry, Aug. 14. 1744. desiring me to see his Child, whom he thought dying with the Violence of the Colick, and not having had any Stools for some time. I immediately gave her an *Anti-colick Pill*; it made her very sick, but only vomited her once, and gave her three Stools: Her Pains went off directly, and the Child has throve greatly ever since, and been perfectly well; and free from Complaints, which made her Mother suspect she had Worms.

This is a true Account of the immediate Relief that my Daughter received by the above Medicine,

Hugh Boyd.

The CASE of *Mr. Christopher Baldwin*, Clerk in the Excise-Office, at the Rev. *Mr. Fancourt's*, in *Crane-court, Fleet-street.* See p. 5.

A violent Colick cured by one Dose.

MR. *Baldwin* had been very costive in his Body some Days, and had had some Pains in his Bowels, for which he took some Syrup of *Buckthorn* in Water-gruel; but this not relieving him, and his Pains growing intolerable, Jan. 28. 1744-5. in the Morning, he sent for me: I found him in great Agony of Pain, and much oppressed with Wind: I gave him immediately a Dose of the *Anti-colick Pills*, which vomited him four times, and gave him two Stools. I called to see him

him in the Evening, found him almost free from Pain, and at Supper on Mutton-Broth and boiled Mutton: He had a good Night's Rest, was perfectly well next Morning, and has remained so ever since.

The CASE of Mr. *Ancell*, Surgeon, since gone to *Flanders*.

A Lientery stopped with one Pill.

IN ——— 1742. this Gentleman sent for me, complaining, that every thing he took ran through him in a very short time, and appeared unaltered: He shewed me some Chocolate he had taken a little before I saw him, which looked of its original Colour in the Close-stool Pan. He told me he had taken all the common Astringents and Opiates used in *Diarrhæas*, but all in vain. I offered him a Pill of my own preparing: He took it; it caused no Evacuation; but the Flux stopped, and he soon recovered his Strength.

Several Instances of the Piles being cured by the Restraining Fomentation.

MR. Cl——, Apr. 1742. under a Fit of the Gout, was likewise troubled with the Piles: He used the *Restraining Fomentation*, which soon cured him of this Complaint.

Mr. P—— W—— complained of a Bearing down of the Fundament, and the *Piles*: I gave him the *restringent Fomentation*, which cured the Bearing down in a few Days; and the *Piles* were well in about a Fortnight.

Mrs. C —— was troubled with the *Piles*; but was cured in six or seven Days, by the Use of the *restringent Fomentation*.

Mrs. J ——, being troubled with internal *Hæmorrhoids*, and great Itchings, was soon cured by the *restringent Fomentation*; sometimes using it by way of Glyster.

Mrs. G —— was troubled with the *Piles* in the Year 1743. I gave her some of the *restringent Fomentation*, which

cured her in a short time. In *Feb.* 1744-5. they returned again, when her Husband wrote me a very obliging Letter, desiring some of the same Liquor, which his Wife *had formerly used with very good Effect.* She was cured, and quite easy in two Days.

And many others, which would take up too much Room here.

ART. III. OF WORMS.

The CASE of *Betty Turner*, aged 10, at *Colchester* in *Essex.*

Worms brought off the Stomach in large Quantities by one Dose.

THIS Child was brought to Town in *December* 1743. She look'd quite pale and thin, and complained of a Pain at her Stomach. Her Mother asked my Advice, and told me, she thought she eat Wall, and Hair-Powder. I gave her a Dose of a *certain Powder*; which gave her five Pukes, and three Stools, and brought away several small, round, long Maw-worms. The Child immediately mended, and went down to *Colchester.* I gave her Mother a Dose to give her when she got home, which brought off her Stomach an hard white Cake as big as the Yolk of an Egg. After this she grew quite well and hearty, and soon recover'd her Complexion.

The above is a true Account of my Daughter's lingering Illness; who had been weakly and complaining for three or four Years, but immediately recovered her Health, after having taken these two Doses,

The Mark X of John Turner.

The CASE of *Miss Polly Fisher*, aged 3 Years and three Quarters.

A Worm-Fever carried off by two Doses.

JAN. 4. 1743-4. *Miss Fisher* had a Cough, was feverish, and was suspected to have Worms. I gave her two *certain Pills*, which had no Operation; but the Child grew much

much better, and, in a Day or two, her Appetite was greatly mended: Some dead Worms were observed in her Stools. The 9th she took three of the Pills, which gave her three Stools; but no Worms appeared any more, and she was well in a few Days.

My Child has had no Appearance of Worms since,
Mary Fisher.

ART. IV. Of the JAUNDICE.

The CASE of Mr. Ralph Lion, Exciseman, at Coggeshall in Essex.

The Jaundice cured by one Dose.

IN Aug. 1742. happening to be at Coggeshall, Mr. Lion, who had labour'd some time under a *Jaundice*, asked my Advice. I gave him a *certain Powder*; but heard no more of him till Sept. 30. 1744. when, being again at Coggeshall, he came to me to thank me; telling me, that the Medicine I had given him, had vomited and purged him finely; that he immediately mended; that the yellow Colour went off the next Day; that all his Complaints gradually wore off; that he had enjoyed perfect good Health ever since, and was grown very fat.

The CASE of Mrs. Huddleston.

A Jaundice cured by one Dose.

FEB. 15. 1742. this Lady sent for me. I found her in a complete *Jaundice*, attended with great Lowness of Spirits: I order'd her a common nervous Mixture, and gave her a *certain Powder*, which vomited her several times; gave her two Stools; and I found her quite well next Day. See p. 43.

The CASE of Mrs. Powel, at Mr. Whiteborne's, in Charles-street, Westminster.

The Jaundice carried off by one Dose.

IN May 1743. this Gentlewoman desired my Advice for the *Jaundice*. I gave her a Dose of a *certain Medicine*, which work'd her very briskly upwards, so as to make her somewhat faint;

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faint; and then moved her gently downwards: I found her next Day greatly mended, in very good Spirits, and the Yellowness greatly abated; which intirely went off in a few Days, and has never returned since.

This is a true Account of the great Benefit I received from the Medicine as above-mentioned; and living in the House at the time when Mrs. Loe, and Mrs. Cooper, of Bennet-street, were under Dr. Mortimer's Care, in March and May 1743. I know the Accounts of their Cases, as related in p. 13. and p. 6. to be true,

Martha Powell.

The CASE of Mr. Geo. Unwin, near Stone-bridge, in Bermondsey-street, Southwark.

The Jaundice cured by one Dose.

MR. Unwin asked my Advice, Dec. 30. 1744. on account of having the Jaundice upon him, and of being troubled with frequent Sickness and Vomitings. I gave him a *certain Powder*, which vomited and purged him gently. Jan. 7. he came to return me Thanks, and acquaint me, that he was quite well.

The above is a true Account of my Illness, and of my being thus cured by a single Dose of Physick,

Geo. Unwin.

ART. V. DISORDERS of the URINARY PARTS.

The CASE of Mr. W. C —, at St. Edmund's-Bury.

Gravel relieved by two Doses, and a Stone afterwards discharged.

THIS Gentleman, being come to Town upon Business in Feb. 1741-2. then lodging at an Apothecary's in King's-street, Westminster, was seized with violent Pains in his Back, and other Symptoms of Gravel or Stone in the Kidneys. His Landlord, together with a Nephew of the Patient, a young Gentleman just entering upon the Practice of Surgery, &c. gave him next Day some Daffy's Elixir, and other Liquids; but nothing stay'd with him, till they gave him, the Morn-
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ing following, a *Bolus*, which wrought a little downwards; and a Glyster in the Evening of the same Day, which at length removed the Violence of the Pain: But, an aching or grinding Pain continuing as at first, the Patient apprehending an Inflammation on the Part, *himself only* (as he informs me) desired a *Physician*. Feb. 18. I was called in, and order'd Balsamicks, Emollients, and gentle Diureticks. Not finding the Patient easier the next Morning, I propos'd to the *Apothecary* to give him a *certain Medicine* of my own preparing; he consented, and made it up into Pills with Conserve of Hips, which, probably, prevented its working by Stool, as I expected; for it had no sensible Operation, but eased the Pains somewhat. Encouraged by this, I brought from home next Day a Dose of the same made into Pills in another Manner: These soon rais'd his Spirits, and purged him above a dozen times, but very gently; and the remaining Pain was gone all that Day; and tho' there was a slight Return in the Night, yet the Patient found himself so well next Morning, that when I called to see him, his Landlord told me, he was gone out in a Hackney-Coach to the *Temple*, and was out in the City all Day, which he bore very well. I waited on him again the Day after, and, finding this great and sudden Amendment, took my Leave of him: He asked me, whether Bleeding or Sweating would be of Service: I told him, I hop'd the Inflammation of the Part was now removed, and therefore he need only continue the Use of the Emollients and Diureticks for a few Days; for that these might promote the bringing away any Gravel or Stone which might be left behind.

The Apothecary call'd upon me about a Week after, and told me, the Patient had been out every Day, and was very well, only voided Gravel from time to time; and therefore desired to take a Dose of the same Pills into the Country with him: I gave him a Dose for him. Some time after, the Apothecary told me, he bore his Journey home very well; that he had voided a Stone bigger than a large Pea, and was perfectly easy after it.

In a Letter dated *April 1. 1745.* this Patient has done me the Favour to send me an Account of his Case, of which the above is partly an Abstract; and he goes on to inform me, That he continued the Medicines according to my Advice, and had two or three Glysters; that he got Cold by going out, and had some Return of Pain upon it; that some Days after he went 'in a Coach to the City, which had jumbled him much; that the Morning after, being in Bed, he found a more than ordinary grinding or raking Pain, as it were from
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the Right Kidney to the Bladder, which he believes was the very Time of the Stone passing into the Bladder. Soon after this he sensibly mended; his Appetite returned (which before was quite gone); yet he was not altogether free from Pain about the Kidney. A few Days after, intending to return home, he went in a Hackney-Coach to *Gracechurch-street*; the Jumbling of which, and drinking a Glass of White-wine immediately upon it, brought the Stone to the Neck of the Bladder, which gave him great Pain that Night; but, being easier towards Morning, he set out in the *Two-Days Stage-Coach*, and bore the Journey very well, till he came within five Miles of *Bury* (the Coach having jumbled him much that Afternoon); where, stopping to refresh, the Patient went to the necessary House; and, in making Water, thought he felt the Stone come forward in the *Penis*; he then stood up, and it forc'd with the Urine to the End of the *Penis*, but there it stopp'd: Upon a second Effort, it flew out with such Violence, as to strike against the Wall. The Stone is of the Size, and nearly the Shape, of a small Horse-bean: A few Days after this another Stone follow'd, about half as big as a Grain of Wheat: For some Months after this, at times, he voided small sandy Gravel, but with little or no Pain; and he writes, That ever since (thro' Mercy) he has been free from the Disorder, save small red Gravel like Brickdust, which passes oft-times insensibly.

He desired me not to insert his Name at Length; but his own Account of this Case, as above-mention'd, is

Sign'd W. C.

THE CASE of *Margaret Foneb*, Housekeeper to Monsieur de BUSSEY, Minister from the FRENCH KING.

Nephritic Complaints, and Pain at the Stomach, carried off by one Dose.

THIS Woman was a German born, but happened to be Landry-maid to *Marshal BROGLIO*, when he made that unfortunate Campaign against the Germans in *Lombardy*, when he had like to have been taken Prisoner by them, and have been surpris'd in his Bed. She was the Person, as she could speak German, who, as she told me, was chiefly instrumental in his Escape; for which good Services he rewarded her: After this she went to *Paris*, and came to *London* with *Monsieur de BUSSEY*, as his Housekeeper.

In Sept. 1742. she complained to me of a Pain at her Stomach, and that she was much swelled; of Pains in her Groins, and down her Thighs; of Pains in the Small of her Back, and of Gravel in her Water. I gave her a Dose of a *certain Powder*, which vomited her three or four times, and worked downwards six. She grew easy in a few Hours, her Pains vanished; she had no Returns, nor was troubled with Gravel afterwards; but enjoyed extraordinary Health as long as she staid in *England*.

The CASE of Mr. *Thomas Boreman*, Bookseller in *Guildhall*, Author of the *Gigantick Histories*.

An obstinate Diabetes cured with two Doses of Physic, and one Bottle of the Styptic Mixture.

IN Sept. 1742. at the Request of the Reverend Mr. Dean *Copping*, F.R.S. I called to see this poor Man: He told me, he had laboured some Months under a violent *Diabetes*; all the Liquids he took immediately running off by Urine, which was clear as Water, and insipid: This had brought upon him a continual Drought, and such a *Marasmus*, or general Wasting, that he was nothing but a Skin-full of Bones: His Skin was as dry as Leather, the perspirable Matter, which should have kept it moist, all running off by the urinary Passages; and it was all covered over with a dry Scurf, just like Bran; his Pulse was quick, and he felt hot; and he had a craving Appetite: He had taken many Medicines, by the Advice of an eminent Physician, but found no Relief; and, not being able to pay the Apothecary, he had given over all Thoughts of Physic. I gave him a Dose of the *Febrifuge Powder*, which worked nine or ten times upwards, and once or twice downwards; and I prepared for him a Quart Bottle of the Styptic Mixture, the same as I use for spitting Blood; and ordered him to drink of it twice a Day: He found the Quantity of Urine abated in a few Days; his Skin began to grow moist, and his Drought abated. I then gave him another Dose of the *Powder*, which now only vomited him very gently two or three times: He soon recover'd his Strength, and was quite free from all his former Complaints.

This is a true Account of the extraordinary Benefit my late Husband received from the Medicines above-mentioned,
Mary Boreman.

ART. VI. DISEASES of the WOMB, &c.

The CASE of Mrs. ———.

A Furor Uterinus, the Whites, and a scorbutick Eruption, carried off.

THIS Gentlewoman informed me, that, for a Year past, she had been troubled with cutaneous *scorbutick Eruptions* in her Arms, and in her Face, which was often swelled, look'd red, and itched much; that she was frequently troubled with the *Colick*, without being able to go to Stool; that the *Colick-Pains* would hold her three or four Hours, and then work off by most violent purging Stools; that she had the *Whites* upon her; but that her worst Disorder of all was a continual Heat and Itching in the *Pudenda* to such a Degree as to make her almost raving-mad. I consider'd most of these Complaints as coming from sharp Humours in her Blood, and from a scorbutick Habit of Body; and therefore gave her a Dose of the *Anti-scorbutick Medicine*, which she did not take till 2 Days after: Half an Hour after she took it, it gave her 4 smart Vomits, in the last of which came up a good deal of green Gall: 2 Hours after this, it gave her 12 Stools tinged with Gall, but without any Gripings. Next Day I found her much easier, the Itchings being greatly abated: The 16th she continued mending: I gave her some alterative *Anti-scorbutick Pills*, to take one Night and Morning; and I made her a Bottle of the *Refringent Fomentation*, and gave her Directions how to apply it: The 24th, the cutaneous Eruptions were all gone; but she complained the Itching and Heat in the *Pudenda* were returned worse than ever; the Humour being so sharp as to excoriate the Parts. I order'd her to apply the *Refringent Fomentation* oftener, and to take another Dose of the *Medicine*, which now only vomited her two or three times, and gave her as many Stools; and then I desired her to go on with the *Alterative Pills*, and to drink Sassafras-tea. Soon after this the *Menses* appeared; and when they were over, she was easy for a Day or two; but her Complaints soon returned, tho' not violently. I then gave her another Dose, which only puked her thrice, and worked downwards as often: In a few Days I found her much mended: I left with her two Doses of the *Anti-scorbutick Medicine*, which she took at proper Intervals;

tervals; by means of which, and the Use of the *Restringent Fomentation*, she got quite well in a few Weeks Time.

The CASE of Mrs. B--r--n.

A great Flooding stopt in two Days.

IN *July*, Mrs. B--r--n consulted me for some nervous Complaints, and told me, she was then troubled with a great Flux of Blood from the Womb. I gave her a Bottle of the *Styptick Mixture*, and desired her to drink a Wine-glass of it twice a Day: The Flux stopp'd the third Day.

Bearing down of the WOMB.

I HAVE given the *Restringent Fomentation* to three or four Patients, who complained of this Infirmary; and if the Part was reducible when they were in Bed, they have been cured by it.

C H A P. III.

Of DISEASES affecting the *whole Habit*, or *divers Parts*, of the BODY.

S E C T. I.

Of the DROPSY.

My Own CASE.

A Swelling of my Ankles carried off by one Dose.

I HAD been for two or three Years subject to a Swelling of my Ankles, which pitted a little, and had the Mark of my Stockens upon them of an Evening: I used to be very drowsy, sometimes falling asleep in Company. I took a Dose of the *Anti-hydropic Medicine*, which vomited me very gently, then worked off by Urine: I found, I made much more Water than usual for two or three Days; after which all my Complaints

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went off; my Legs have never swelled since; that Drowfiness has not followed me; I have been much more chearful, and in better Spirits, than for many Months before: in a Word, I have enjoyed a better State of Health ever since, than for some Years preceding, viz. 1743.

The CASE of Mrs. Mortimer.

A watry Swelling in both Legs carried off by one Dose.

MY Wife, having taken Cold in her Labour in Aug. 1741. was seized with a Milk-Fever, attended with an Impostumation in her Right Arm, and Right Knee; the Fever hanging about her all Winter, accompanied with the great Drain, which the Discharge from these two Sores caused, brought her exceeding low; and when it left her, and the Sores were healed, her Belly began to grow bigger, and her Legs swelled, and pitted greatly: I gave her a Dose of the *Anti-hydropick Medicine*, which worked gently with her, going off chiefly by Urine, and continuing that Effect for two or three Days; during which time, all the Swellings abated greatly, and in a few Days they were quite gone. She was in very good Spirits, has been less subject to vapourish nervous Complaints since, than for some Years before, and has had no Returns of any dropfical Symptoms.

The CASE of Mrs. Ann Hawkswood, Poulterer, in Totbill-street, Westminster.

A Dropsy of one Leg cured by two Doses.

MRS. Hawkswood sent for me, June 11. 1743. She was just sitting up after a Lying-in; she was very weak and low, hardly able to move; her Right Leg, from the Heel to the Top of the Thigh, was swelled as big as three, and pitted greatly; she was very much bound: I gave her a Dose of the *Anti hydropick Powder*, which gave her only two Vomits, but caused a Sense of Shivering and Cold: She mended a little. The 29th she took another Dose of the same, which now gave her five Vomits, and a great many Stools: Her Body continued open for some Days; the Swelling immediately

ately decreased; she recovered her Appetite; and was quite well in a few Days, and has had no Return since.

This is a true Account of the great Benefit I received by the Medicines above-mentioned,

Ann Hawkswood.

The CASE of Mrs. Snell, Mother-in-Law to the Rev. Mr. Roger Pickering, in Charles-square, Hoxton.

A Dropsy carried off by four Doses.

SEPTEMBER 9. 1742. Mrs. Snell asked my Advice, complaining of her Legs being much swelled, and somewhat inflamed; that her Belly was much swelled likewise, so as to cause a Shortness of Breath; and that she was troubled with a Drowsiness: She informed me, that some Years ago she had had some paralytick and nervous Disorders, but that now she had only at times slight Symptoms of them. I gave her a Dose of the *Anti-hydropick Remedy*, which had no sensible Operation but by Urine. The 24th I sent her two Doses more, which she took at several Days Distance: The first made her a little sickish, but the *Nausea* soon went off; the other worked plentifully by Urine: I ordered her some *Nervous Drops*, to take for her other Complaints. She wrote me Word, Oct. 17. that the Swelling of her Legs and Belly were greatly abated. After this she took another Dose, stronger than the former, working briskly both by Vomit and Stool; after which these Complaints went off.

The above is a true Account of the Benefit I received from these Medicines,

Eliz. Snell.

S E C T. II.

Of the RHEUMATISM.

The CASE of *Mary Holloway*, aged 57, at Nurse *Wood's* in *Tyburn-road*, near *Soho-square*.

A Rheumatism of many Years standing, cured by six Doses.

I First saw this poor Woman in *April 1742*. She told me she had been afflicted with the *Rheumatism* for twenty Years past; that she had lost the Use of her Limbs, particularly of her Hands; and had been Bed-rid some time: I gave her six Doses of the *Anti-artbritick Medicine*, at proper Intervals, by the Use of which she gradually grew better, recovered the Use of her Hands, and could walk about the Room.

In *March 1742-3*. the Pains and Palsy returned: I gave her three Doses of the same a few Days asunder; after which she again recovered, and grew quite well.

In *June 1744*. she walked down to my House in *Westminster*, and told me, she had continued well.

In *March 1744-5*. she told me, she had continued free from her old Disorders, only having now-and-then slight Returns of Pain on taking Cold, but soon going off again of themselves.

This is a true and exact Account of my long Illness, and speedy Recovery of my Health and the Use of my Limbs, after taking the Medicines above-mentioned,
Sign'd with the Mark of Mary Holloway.

The CASE of *Mr. Francis Jefferies*.

A Rheumatism in the Hip cured with three Doses.

MR. *Jefferies*, after being recovered of a Fever and Delirium, (*see p. 9.*) relapsed into a *Sciatica*, for which he consulted me, *Sept. 29. 1742*. I called at his Apothecary's, and left a Dose of Pills, with Directions for his taking them, and gave them to the Man: In a short time, in comes the Master, who
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with great Indignation (though he had seen this very Patient saved from an Inflammation in his Brain, by a Medicine I gave him, when he said he would be dead before Morning), bringing me back the Pills and my Prescription, absolutely refused to let him take them, or himself to be concerned with me any more, unless I would tell him what the Medicines were, or confine my Practice to the Things in his Shop: Upon this the Patient (who was now in his Senses) chose to put himself intirely under my Care, being pleased to say, that he should be ungrateful to me, and wanting to himself, if, after having had his Life so lately saved, by the Blessing of God, through my Means, he should trust himself in any body's Hands but mine. He took but three Doses of these Pills, which only purged him gently each time; and in less than ten Days he was quite well, able to walk in the Park; called upon the Apothecary for his Bill, and to let him see how soon his Rheumatick Pains were now removed, for which he had done and taken so many things from his Hands.

This Patient lodging in my House, and seeing him daily, I know the above Account of his speedy Recovery to be true; and that he remained hearty, and in good Health, above a Year after,

Sarah Richardson.

I received from Dr. Mortimer the Pills, as above-mentioned, which Mr. Jeffries took, and he recovered soon, as is above related: And I saw him about five Months after, when he declared, he was in as perfect good Health as ever in his Life,

Elizabeth Yarnall.

THE CASE of Mrs. Burchall, near the Cock and Bottle, at the End of Three-Coney-walk, Lambeth; Cousin to Mr. Jeffries.

Wandering Rheumatick and Gouty Pains carried off by one Dose.

THIS Gentlewoman complained to me in November 1742. of Rheumatick and wandering Arthritick Pains, and that her Knee was very much swelled: I gave her but one Dose of the *Anti-arthritick Pills*, which worked moderately: She found herself relieved immediately; her Pains vanished in
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a Day or two; and, in a very short time, the Swelling of her Knee went away.

This is a true Account of the Benefit I received in this Illness from the Pills, as above-mentioned,

M. Burchall.

The CASE of Mrs. *Elizabeth Symmons*, Midwife, Daughter of Mrs. *Bradshaw*, Midwife, in *Red Lyon street, Holbourn*.

Rheumatick Pains and Stitches removed by one Dose.

JUNE 27. 1743. Mrs. *Symmons* came to me, complaining, that she had been for many Months afflicted with Rheumatick Pains, moving about, sometimes in her Legs; others in her Arms, and often in her Stomach; that she had had the Advice of a very great Physician, and had taken great Quantities of Medicines, but without Relief. She now complained of Rheumatick Pains shifting from one Part to another; of great Pain at her Stomach, and want of Appetite; of Pain in her Head, and want of Sleep; of a Numbness and Chilliness in her Limbs, and a want of Feeling in her Fingers; of shooting Pains in her Sides; of being frequently giddy, and fainting, sometimes ten Fits in a Day; with a Train of vapourish Complaints. Here was such a Complication of Disorders, that I did not well know which to begin with; but I reflected, that, probably, the sharp Humours which caused the Rheumatick Pains, might be the Cause of all the other Disorders; and that by their long continuing predominant, they might even affect the Nervous System, and bring on all the Hysterical Complaints: I therefore resolved to begin with the Rheumatick Disorders; and, accordingly, gave her a Dose of the *Anti-arthritick Powders*: She called again the 29th, to inform me, that the Medicine had given her nine Vomits, and no Stool, but had sweated her profusely: That she immediately felt a grateful Warmth diffuse itself through all her Limbs, even before she puked once: That she had slept soundly; had recovered her Appetite; and that all her Pains in general were vanished, but that she was still weak. I advised her to take a few *Tincture of Castor* [*Sal Volatile* and compound Spirit of *Lavender*] Drops in a Glass of River Water, when faint, or low-spirited, and I gave her a Dozen of alterative *Anti-scorbutick Pills*, to take one a Day: These kept her Body open

open, but warmed her greatly; so that she had no Returns of the Chilliness nor the Pains for many Weeks.

She came to me again *Aug. 4.* and said, having caught Cold at a Labour, she felt some small Returns of the Pains in her Limbs; that she had a Fulness at her Stomach, was much oppressed with Wind, and had slight Colick Pains. I gave her another Dose of the same, which directly carried off the Complaints; and I advised her to drink a Tea of *Ground-Pine* and *Sassafras*, to prevent Relapses.

The 29th, having taken Cold at a Labour, she complained of Pains in her Side and Limbs; of being greatly oppressed with Wind; and that her Stomach was much swelled. I gave her two Doses of the same: The first gave her 14 Vomits; and she was much better immediately: Three Days after she took the second Dose, which gave her 20 Vomits, and made her very Sick, but carried off the Pains and Wind.

Sept. 7. I gave her two Doses more, to take if she felt any Returns; which, upon being called out of her Bed to a Labour, she did: So she took these, and two other Doses, as she saw Occasion; and, by the 4th of *October*, came to acquaint me that all her Pains were gone.

She continued well all Winter; but, on taking Cold in *March*, she had a slight Return of her Disorders, which went off without taking any thing.

In *June*, on the like Occasion, Pains returned in her Arms and Legs; but, after taking three Doses, they all went off, and she has been in good Health ever since; and is at present quite free from all her Nervous Complaints, having intirely recovered her Strength and Spirits.

The above is a true Account of my Illness; of the great Benefit I received from the Medicines above-mentioned; and of the perfect Recovery of my Health,

Eliz. Symmons.

The CASE of Mr. *Philip White*, Scrivener, the Corner of *Buckingham-court*, near the *Admiralty-Office*, or at the *Golden Sugar-loaf* near *Charing-cross*.

A Rheumatism cured by two Doses.

MR. *White* consulted me *Dec. 30. 1743.* complaining of Rheumatick Pains in his Left Leg and Thigh: I gave him two Doses of the *Anti-arthritick Medicine*, about a Week

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The above is a true Account of the Benefit I received from these two Doses, having had no Return of my Disorder since,

Philip White.

The CASE of *Mary Ives*, Servant to Mrs. Ram, the Enameller's Wife, in *York-street, Covent-garden*.

A Rheumatism of many Years standing, cured by two Doses.

MR. Ram sent for me to his Wife's Work-woman, *June 8. 1744.* who then kept her Bed with violent *Rheumatick* Pains, which she had been afflicted with some Years ago, after a Lying-in, to such a degree, that she could not stir Hand nor Foot, from the Severity of the Pains; ever since which time she a'ways had Pains in her Limbs and Stomach, more or less: At last, growing worse and worse, she began to be afraid of being in the same Condition as before; whereupon she was persuaded by Mr. Ram and his Wife, to ask my Assistance.

I found her complaining of Sicknes at Stomach, and bringing up all she took; of a Purging, a Cough, a Shortness of Breath, and violent *Rheumatick* Pains. I gave her such a Dose as I usually give for the Gout in the Stomach: It gave her four Vomits, and four Stools: She brought up four Phlegm, and afterwards Gall: She sweat plentifully: The Vomitings, Looseness, and Pains, were greatly abated, but the Sicknes remained. A some Days Distance I repeated the Dose, which operated like the first, but less in Quantity. She grew quite well in a Day or two; and has never had any Pains in her Limbs or Stomach since.

The above is a true Account of my long Illness, and Speedy Recovery, from the Use of the Medicines above-mentioned; which two Doses did me more Service than great Quantities of other Medicines which I took for six Months together,

Witness,
Ann Ram.

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The CASE of Mr. *William Tomson*, Potter, in
Tufton-street, Westminster.

A Rheumatism and Spasms carried off by two Doses.

JULY 6. 1744. Mrs. *Tomson* sent for me to her Husband, who was seized some Days before with violent *Rheumatick* Pains in his Arms: He had been six Days feverish; complained of a great Pain in his Head, and in the Left Arm, in which he had violent convulsive Contractions. He had been under the Care of an Apothecary, who had let him Blood; had laid a Blister to his Back, and one on each Arm; and had given him various Medicines. I gave him a Dose of the *Anti-arbritick Powder*, which, in half an Hour, vomiting him four times; brought off a good deal of Phlegm and Gall, and purged him thrice: He slept tolerably well that Night, and found all his Disorders much abated next Morning. The 8th I called again; he had slept well, and his Spasms were almost gone. I gave him another Dose, which only made him sweat plentifully. The 9th he was much better; and so continued mending daily, and recovered soon.

The above is a true Account of my exceeding great Illness, and the immediate Relief I found upon taking the Medicines above-mentioned,

William Tomson.

The CASE of Mrs. *Freeman*, Mother of Capt. *Roberts*, of Col. *Bing's* Regiment of Marines, at Mr. *White's*, in *Totbill-street, Westminster.*

A Rheumatism carried off by two Doses.

THIS Lady sent for me, Feb. 28. 1744-5. I found her labouring under the Rheumatism in her Right Hand and Shoulder, accompanied with most violent Pains in the Nape of her Neck, and Left Side of her Head: She had been blooded by Mr. *Presgrave* a Day or two before. It being late at Night, I gave her a *Chemical Plaster* to lay to her Neck, and to her Hand; from which she found some Ease: Next Day I gave her a Dose of the *Anti-arthritick Pills*, which she

did not take till the 2d of *March*: They vomited her moderately, brought up a great deal of *Phlegm*, and, towards Evening, worked once downwards. She had a good Night's Rest, and was much better next Day. The 4th her Pains were almost gone. The 5th she took another Dose of the Pills, which operated only upwards; after which her Pains went away: She sweat in the Night. The 7th I found her quite well, only weak; but she recovered her Strength in a few Days, and has had no Returns; has had a better Appetite, and better Spirit, than for some Months before.

This is a true Account of my Illness, and of the immediate Relief I had from the Plaister and Pills, as above,
April 4. 1745. Cath. Freeman.

S E C T. III. Of the G O U T.

The CASE of Mr. *Claus*, Chafer, in *James-street*,
Covent-garden.

The Gout removed by three Doses.

MR. *Claus* sent for me in *April 1742*. He was a very fat unwieldy Man, and told me, he had been afflicted with frequent Returns of the Gout for many Years past. He was now confined to his Bed, under violent Pain, unable to move his Neck, an Hand, or a Foot, and troubled with the Piles: I gave him a *Restraining Fomentation* for the Piles, which soon gave him Ease. I then gave him three Doses of the *Anti arthritick* Medicine, which carried off his Pains in a few Days, so that he removed to *Hampsted* for the Air. There he took Cold, was seized with a Fever, and felt a little Return of his Pain. I gave him a Dose of the *Febrifuge* in Pills, which took off his Fever: His Pains wore off in a Day or two; and he grew hearty: Had no Returns of the Gout for eleven Months, till, by Accident, catching Cold, he had a slight Return of his Pains, which lasted only a Day or two.

The above is a true Account of the Benefit my late Father-in-Law received from the Medicines above-mentioned,

Daniel Warner,
 At the Golden Head in Little St. Martin's Lane.
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The CASE of Mr. *Thomas Briand*, who set up a Manufacture of *Porcelain* at *Lambeth*.

An obstinate Gout relieved.

THIS Gentleman is an *Enamel-Painter* by Profession ; and being a great Master of his Art, travelled all over *Europe*, and has had the Honour to paint the Pictures of most of the *Sovereign Princes* where he went. Being at *Paris*, in the Year 1725. he was seized with a *Bastard Pleurisy*, for which he was blooded 25 times : This weakened him extremely, and turned his Blood almost to Water, so that he was threatened with a *Dropsy* ; but he met with a *German* Chemist, who gave him one Dose of *Physick*, which did him a great deal of good.

Some Years after this he fell into an *Indigestion*, and Loss of Appetite ; and, afterwards, he was attacked with an *Hemiplegia*, or the Loss of the Use of his Limbs on one Side. For this he consulted my much honoured Preceptor, the Great *Boerhaave*, by whose Prescriptions, and the Use of the *Spa* Water, he soon grew better. The Doctor ordered him to use a dry Diet ; to eat roasted Meats, not boiled ; to avoid thin Wines, and rather to use strong stomachick Wines : His former Complaints mended, but the Gout came upon him, and returned duly once a Year for 14 Years. He had been sometimes troubled with violent Head-aches, which he thought were relieved by smoking Tobacco.

The 2d of *February* 1742-3. he consulted me : The frequent Returns of the Gout had contracted the Fingers of his Right Hand, and made it shake so, that he could not paint : He had Pains in his Ankles, and such a Tenderness in his Feet, that he could hardly walk, and scarce crawl up Stairs. I gave him a Dose of the *Anti-arthritick Medicine*, which vomited him once, and gave him five Stools, but sweat him plentifully. The second Dose, *Feb.* 20. set the Humours so afloat, that the Gout now seized his Knees and Feet. A Third carried these off. *March* the 4th his Pains were quite gone ; he was very chearful in his Spirits ; his Hand did not shake ; he could straiten his Fingers ; and he was, in all respects, better. The 7th he took another Dose : The 9th he told me, that the Shaking of his Hand, from which he had not been free for 20 Years, was now gone ; and he said, he had one Day walked from *Lambeth* over *London-Bridge* to the *Royal Exchange*, and back again, in the Forenoon ; and from

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Lambeth over London-Bridge to Soho in the Afternoon ; and did the same a Day or two after ; and could come up Stairs nimbly.

This is a true Account of the extraordinary Benefit I received from the Medicines as above ; and I continued longer, after taking them, free from any Returns of the Gout, than for many Years before,

T. Briand.

The CASE of Mr. W. I——.

The Gout and Rheumatism carried off by five Doses.

I FOUND this Patient, *March 9. 1742* 3. laid up with his Leg in a Chair, lame of the *Rheumatism*, as he called it, and with the *Gout* in his Hip : He said, that he was frequently subject to a Return of these Pains ; that he had now been confined some Weeks, and that his Apothecary condemned him to *Patience* and *Flannel* till the warm Weather. I told him, I hoped he might get abroad much sooner : I gave him therefore a Dose of the *Anti-arthritick Medicine*, which made him very sick, did not vomit him, but gave him several Stools : He found himself easier next Day. The Pains return'd the 11th ; the 13th, he took another Dose, which work'd moderately downwards : The 15th he was much better, and the Swelling of his Leg was greatly abated ; I left with him two Doses more : He caught Cold the 19th, and was a little feverish ; but it went off next Day, upon taking the second of the two Doses. On the 20th his Pains returned pretty sharp : The 25th he took another Dose, after which the Pains, and the Swelling of his Leg, went quite off. *April 2* I left with him some *alterative Pills*, to take one Night and Morning for some Days, to prevent a Relapse : I saw him again the 11th, and found him quite brisk and hearty.

The latter End of *June* following, Mr. J —— caught a great Cold, upon which he had *Rheumatick* Pains in his Back, and felt a little Pain in one Ankle, for which he got blooded ; after that he took four Doses of the *Anti-arthritick Medicine* ; was quite well in about eight or ten Days time ; and has continued so ever since, not having had any Returns of his *Rheumatick* or *Gouty* Complaints.

This is a true Account of the extraordinary Benefit I received from the Medicines, as above-mentioned,

W. J.

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P. S. The Honourable Mr. *Bateman*, and General *Charles Churchill*, were present when I first saw this Patient. This Patient has particular Reasons for his desiring me not to put his Name at Length.

The CASE of Mrs. *Turnis*, in the *Bowling-Alley*,
Westminster.

Gout and Fever removed by two Doses.

MRS. *Turnis* had been some time under the Hands of an Apothecary for a *Fever* and *Gouty Pains*, whereby she was brought very low. April 13. 1743. she sent for me: I gave her a Dose of the *Anti-arthritis Powder*, which work'd her twelve times downwards, and made her exceeding faint: I order'd her a *Cordial*; she slept well all Night; found her Pains next Morning greatly abated, and the *Fever*, which was only symptomatical, quite gone. The 19th I repeated the same Dose, which now gave her two *Pukes*, and purged her but thrice: Next Day she had no Pains, her Appetite mended, she soon grew well, and has had no Returns ever since.

The above is a true Account of my Illness, and the great Benefit I received from the Medicines above-mentioned,
Eliz. *Turnis*.

The CASE of *James Jacobs*, Servant to Mr. *Jackson*,
Potter, near the Church in *Lambeth*.

The Gout in both Hand and Foot carried off by three Doses.

MR. *Jackson* desired me to try what I could do for one of his Men, who had a Family to maintain, but was so frequently troubled with Returns of the *Gout*, especially in his Hands, that he could not work half the Year, being often laid up for a Month or six Weeks together. June 22. 1743. I first saw this *Jacobs*; he had then the *Gout* in one Foot, that he could hardly crawl along, and one of his Hands and the Fingers were so swelled, and in such Pain, that he could not work; and complained of being faint and weak. I gave him a Dose of the *Anti-arthritis Medicine*: It vomited him six times, and purged him four; and sweated him in the Night: His Pains immediately abated; the Swellings grew less;

less; his Spirits were much raised, and his Faintness was carried off: The 27th I repeated the *Medicine* in the same Dose; it work'd five times upwards, and as many times downwards, and sweated him a little. I saw him the 29th; all his Pains and Swellings were intirely vanish'd and gone, and he found himself quite well.

I gave him another Dose, to take by way of Precaution against a Relapse; he took it some Days after, but continued quite well and hearty, and had no Returns or Remindings of his former Pains, till *July* 1744. when he had a slight Remembrance of them; but they went off of themselves, and did not prevent his Working.

August 10. following he came to me, complaining, that he had great Pain in his Right Wrist, and shewed me the Thumb of his Right-hand greatly swelled, and much inflamed. I gave him a *certain-chemical Plaster* to wrap up his Thumb in, and gave him a Dose of the *Medicine* as formerly, and its Operation was the same. He came to me again the 14th, and told me, all his Pains immediately went away, after the Operation of the *Powders* was over; that the Swelling and Redness of his Thumb were greatly abated: The 18th I gave him a second Dose of the *Powders*; he called to thank me the 29th, and told me, all his Complaints were gone, and that he was quite well. I charged him to let me see him the latter End of *October*, or the Beginning of *November*, in order to my giving him a Dose by way of Prevention (which I am directed to do Spring and Fall); but he never came nigh me. Accordingly, about *Christmas*, he had another slight Touch, which went off in two or three Days; but, about the Middle of *January* 1744-5. the Gout seized both Hands and Feet, so that he kept his Bed a Fortnight: At length, *Jan.* 24. his Wife came to me; I gave her two Doses of the *Powders*, for her Husband to take a Day asunder, and some of the *Plaster* to spread and wrap about his Fingers: The first Dose, giving him twelve Vomits, brought up a great Quantity of Gall; and, purging him thrice, carried downwards a great deal of Jelly: The second Dose work'd but seven times upwards, and five downwards; after which his Pains immediately went off: The 30th he came to thank me, and let me see he was able to walk, and use his Hands, the Swelling and Inflammation of his Fingers being gone; and added, that his Appetite was become so good, he could scarce buy Victuals enough to eat: So far was the Humour from being flung upon the Stomach! *March* 8. he continued well, and had no Return of any Pains.

The above is a true Account of the great Benefit I have received by these Medicines, being as strong and hearty as ever in my Life,

James Jacobs.

The CASE of Mr. —.

An obstinate Gout and Rheumatism cured by seven Doses.

THIS Gentleman, whose Name I omit for certain Reasons (tho' I have his Letters to produce, if necessary, to confirm the Facts), was so far recover'd, by the Advice of Mr. —, from a lingering Illness, before I saw him, as to be just able to get cross a Room by the Help of two Sticks, and look'd exceeding thin, being sent into the Country for the Air. Seeing him in this weak Condition, I offer'd my Assistance *unask'd*, and therefore *refus'd a Fee*, as I always do in the like Circumstance. September 6. he complained of wandering *Gouty* and *Rheumatick* Pains, in his Limbs; especially great Pain and Weakness in his Ankles, and a Want of Appetite. He was advised to use the Cold-Bath, which I dissuaded him from: I gave him a Dose of the *Anti-arthritick Powder*, which gave him but two Vomits, and one Stool; his Pains were considerably lessen'd next Day, and his Appetite greatly mended: The 9th, on taking some Cold, he felt a Pain between his Blade-bones, had violent Shootings in his Kidneys, and his Eyes were inflamed; which last Complaint was soon carried off by a *certain Eye-water*. He had had, at times, a *scorbutick Eruption* on his Skin; which, he said, was likewise diminish'd, since his taking this single Dose. I left with him three other Doses, to take at proper Intervals: The first now operated by Urine, which had no Sediment, and gave two Stools in the Evening: He was pretty free from Pain next Day; but, the Day after, the Pains return'd again for three Days: Then he took another Dose, which had the like Effect by Urine and Stool; after this, he became more free from Pain than before: He sweated but little: He was now *well enough*, after having taken only three Doses, to go upon a Visit to a Friend, for several Days. After his *Return* he took the other Dose, with the same Effect. October 5. he wrote me Word, that "His Pains moved more, and were less intense, than heretofore; that he had a little Pain cross his Chest, more in the Night than in the Day; that he thought himself stronger,

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“ and less sensible of the Variation of the Weather, than before
 “ he had taken these Medicines;” which had flung out the sharp
 Humours upon the Skin, having caused Itchings, and a few
 Pimples. I gave him some *Anti-scorbutick alterative Pills*,
 to take one a Day, drinking half a Pint of *Sassafras* and *Ground-*
pine Tea after it: I now sent him three Doses more of the
Anti-arthritick Powders. Nov. 17. he wrote me Word, “ He
 “ intended to give me an earlier Account of the Effect of the
 “ Medicines; but that of late he had been often abroad, and
 “ for some Days together: The first Dose gave two Motions
 “ upwards, and one downwards, with little Sweating and Urine;
 “ the other operated only downwards twice or thrice, with a
 “ greater Quantity of Urine and Sweat; his Pains moved more
 “ (which were now very flight), and he had a better Appetite
 “ for a Day or two after taking each Dose, than at other times.”
 He had had some Returns of his Pains at times; but “ he
 “ attributes them to the late sharp Winds, and cold Weather,
 “ which gave him a flight Cold; but that now he was able
 “ to walk without Difficulty.” He grew better and better
 daily: I saw him on Jan. 31. following, when he was quite
 well, and grown fat. He has never been laid up since; but
 has enjoyed a remarkably better State of Health, than for a
 long time before.

*The Gentleman above-mentioned was, for the Benefit of the
 Air, at a Friend's House where I was: He was very
 weak; and, on taking Doctor Mortimer's Medicines, he
 has been remarkably better ever since,*

Elizabeth Snell.

The CASE of Mr. *Wilkinson*, Pattern-drawer, at
 the *White Horse*, in *Half-Moon Street*, in the
Strand.

The Gout in the Stomach carried off by one Dose.

MR. *Wilkinson* sent for me, Sept. 24. 1743. and informed
 me, that he had been troubled with the *Gout* many Years;
 that the Fits generally returned two or three times in a Year;
 and that he had felt some Signs of it, at times, in his Sto-
 mach and Bowels. He now complained of most excruciating
 Pains in his Stomach, so that he thought he could not live
 many Hours under them; that he had continual Sickneſs, and
 vomited up every thing he took. I put into his Apothecary's
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Hands a Dose of the *Anti-artbritick Powder*, with Directions how to give it. I did not inform the Patient of my using any private Medicine of my own; but the Apothecary, when he brought it him, out of his great Precaution, and superior Wildom, told the Patient, *Here was a Powder for him to take, by the Doctor's Order, a Nostrum of his own; a very irregular Way of Practice! The Patient might take it, if he would; but he [the Apothecary] would by no means be answerable for the Event.* However, he took it: In about a Quarter of an Hour he vomited, and thought he brought up some of the Powder: Soon after he vomited again, and brought up what was very sharp and sour off his Stomach; upon which he grew much easier, and rested well that Night. Next Day, at Noon, he told me, he had little or nothing of the Pain left, and that he was become hungry. I ordered him some warm Stomachick *Boluses*, and a warm *Julep*. The 29th I found him quite well, he not having had any Return of his Pains. He gathered Strength daily.

He had no Fit of the Gout for above a Year and a Quarter afterwards; slight Touches of Pains in his Limbs, which came very rarely, soon went off again.

About *Christmas* 1744. he was seized with a Fit of the Gout, which now confined him a Fortnight. The Pains likewise in his Bowels and Stomach having attacked him again, he sent for me, *Jan.* 7. and told me, he had just taken some *Scots Pills*, which had given him one Stool, and that he was somewhat easier; but, complaining of Wind, I ordered him some *Carui-feed Tea*. Next Morning he told me, he had slept well, but that he had had four Purging-stools in the Night, and that his Sicknes, Pain, and Vomiting, were returned, attended with cold Shiverings: This had brought him very low; wherefore, in the Afternoon, I gave him a small Dose of the *Anti-artbritick Powder*, which gave him two gentle Vomits that Evening, and in the Night disturbed him with four Stools, but carried off the Sicknes, Pains, and Vomiting. The 9th I found him a great deal better; but, complaining of Wind, I gave him a *Carminative Mixture*; he grew better daily, soon recovered intirely, and continues in good Health.

The above is a true Account of my two Fits of Illness; in both of which, the single Doses of the Medicine above-mentioned did me more Service than great Quantities of Physick given me on the like Occasions before,

Jo. Wilkinson.

The CASE of ———, PHYSICIAN in the
Country.

A Rheumatism and Gout carried off by four Doses.

THIS Gentleman, a Person of great Learning and Skill in his Profession, having been exposed to severe frosty Weather, by Riding in the Night, and by Night-watchings, was seized with violent *Rheumatick Pains*, which brought on a most severe Fit of the *Gout*.

I must beg leave to insert this *Case* very fully, as stated by himself, in a Letter he favoured me with, *March 5. 1744-5.* wherein he gives me certain Reasons why he desires me to suppress his Name for the present. As the Patient is a *PHYSICIAN*, he is better able to give an *Account of the Progress of the Distemper, and of the Effects of the Medicines upon himself, than an ordinary Patient would have been capable of.* I rank it under the Head of *Gout*, because the Joints were as much, or more affected than the Muscular Parts.

January 1743-4.

A Country *PHYSICIAN*, middle-aged, sanguine, corpulent, and robust, had, about seven Years ago, a Fit of the *Gout* in his Feet, which returned in Spring or Autumn the three or four succeeding Years; the longest Fit did not exceed a Week. After an Interval of four or five Years, he was seized with *Rheumatick Pains* in the Shoulders; which, after six Months Continuance, so affected the *Acromia*, or Tops of the Shoulder-Blades, that he could not lie on either Side, without excessive Pain in those Processes. In *Jan. 1743-4.* the Pains became more universal, and, in three or four Days time, seized the Hips, Knees, Elbows, Wrists, some of the Intercostal Muscles, the Muscles of the *Nates*, and the Ankles, insomuch that he was rendered helpless, as though *paralytick*: Most of these Parts were greatly swelled. The Pains were so dispiriting as to cause frequent Faintings, and were attended with a continual, though not violent, Fever.

A few Days before the Pains came to the worst, he lost 22 Ounces of Blood, which was very fizy and inflamed. Next Day the *Sena* Potion of the *Pharmacopœia reformata* was taken; which operating but little; he took, the Day following, some Salts like *Scarborough* Salts. The Pains prevented

Rest for a Week, though several Doses of *Liquid Laudanum* were taken, from 20 to 30 Drops, almost every Night. He was most restless about Three in the Mornings. The Sweat which succeeded, yielded little or no Relief. His Pulse, in the Morning, beat about 108 in a Minute; his Tongue was white and foul; yet he was not very thirsty: His Urine was of a deep red at first, but, upon standing, deposited a large lateritious, or rather purplish Sediment. He had an intire Deletion of Appetite, and his Stomach would bear nothing but Liquids or Spoon-meat for ten Days past: The Medicines he took were all in the Liquid Form, with Plenty of *Emollients*, *Diureticks*, and *Diluents*: Notwithstanding which, the Disorder daily increasing, being averse to *Blisters* he sent for you, Jan. 18. begging you to assist him, *of all your Friends the most miserable*.

As you could not leave some Patients in Town at that time, you sent him a Dose of your *Anti-artbritick* Pills by his Servant, with Directions how to manage himself. He took them about Eleven that Night; they sweated him from half an Hour afterwards till Four in the Morning, when they gave him the first Stool, purging him briskly six times. The Operation was as kindly as any Physick he ever took, working without any Gripings or Qualms; the Pains immediately abated, and he fell asleep for an Hour; he waked in a breathing Sweat; his Knees were much better. Notwithstanding the purgative Effect was greater than he almost ever found from the smart *Officinals* that are safe, yet from the Diminution of Pain after the Operation, or from the *singular Virtue of the Medicine*, his Spirits were much more revived than they had been, though your Regimen was lower than any enjoined by others, *viz.* Water-gruel, Barley-water, *Pamada*, and *Sassafras* Tea. The 19th you sent him another Dose: The 20th his Pains had returned about Midnight: He took the Pills about Eleven in the Forenoon; they did not move him till Four in the Afternoon, and then they only gave him two small Stools. *See how different the Operation was now!* The 21st you sent him three Doses of the same Pills, and allowed him to have some Veal Broth, to eat some of the Veal, and to drink some Ale. The 22d he sent you Word, that he thought the Change of his Diet had something increased the Pains; but you rather attributed it to his taking some Cold, the Windows of the Room not being very close, and he having sat up longer than the Day before; for he complained, that his Throat was very sore, which Soreness he judged to be about the Exit of the *Tuba Eustachiana*, from his Ears being affected by it. He added,
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the last Dose purged him but twice ; he had no Stools since ; yet the Pains gradually abated, so that he had rested tolerably well these two Nights past ; not but the Pains did return, or rather exacerbate periodically betwixt Twelve and Three in the Morning : But this is usual in *Arthritick* Cases. You advised him, by way of Cordial, to drink a little *Rum* Flip, but he chose *Brandy* Flip. The 23^d he informed you, that he took a Dose of the Pills the preceding Evening about Eight ; that he was very sick after them, and vomited two or three times ; had two Stools in the Night ; had but little Sleep ; had Twitchings of the Tendons, and some Pain ; that towards Morning he got two or three Naps, and was much revived after them.

The 24th you came to see him ; the Weather was exceeding cold and frosty : You found him in the Afternoon sitting by the Fire-side, a great deal better that Day than the preceding ; he could stand on his Feet, had no Pain in his Legs, could move his Arms, had no Pain left, besides a little in his Wrists, and his Right Hand, which, having been the freest from Pain all along, was now greatly tumefied : He had no Fever at this Juncture ; what had been called Twitchings, or convulsive Motions in his Sleep, you observed to be only slight Touches of the Cramp ; he sat up this Day twelve Hours ; he had a good Night's Rest : Next Day he began to walk about the Room, and could lift up his Hands to his Mouth : In the Evening, being sickish, he took some *Carduus*, which gave him four Pukes, and brought up some Phlegm : He had a good Night. The 26th, he could walk alone. You took Leave this Morning : In the Evening he took the fourth Dose of Pills, which gave him two gentle Pukes, and brought up some Phlegm : Upon taking Spirit of *Sal volatile oleosum*, his Stomach became easy about 6 o'Clock (as he wrote, *Jan. 27.* in a Letter to his Brother, this being the first time he could use his Hand to that Purpose) : In a Quarter of an Hour after, he had a copious Stool ; tho' he had had a good Stool a little before he took the Pills ; he had little Rest the former Part of the Night : Next Morning his Legs and Left Arm would not support him without Help ; but what balanced this Inconvenience was ; that his Stomach and Digestion were better, and he had taken considerable Sustenance this Day.

He continued to mend every Day. *Feb. 3.* he went out in his Chariot to take the Air.

Feb. 9. he wrote you Word, that he found himself better and stronger every Day ; that Riding and Air had almost completed his Recovery :---That ever since the last Dose of Pills, he had had
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good natural Rest ; his Appetite was very good ; and that he only wanted a little more Strength to be fit for Business.

About the 18th of *Feb.* he went to *London* on Horseback, and bore the Journey pretty well.

IN a Letter of *Feb.* 21. speaking of Cures recorded to have been performed by *chemical Medicines*, he says, “ If yours
“ succeed as well with others as with me, I am sure they ought
“ not to be discountenanced.”

In order to prevent Relapses, I sent him, *Feb.* 24. a Dose of the *Anti-arthritick Pills*, and a dozen of the *alterative Pills*. The 27th he wrote me Word, that this last Dose of Pills, being stronger than the former ones, had work'd more smartly by Vomit, but not at all by Stool ; that the *alterative* ones had produced no sensible Evacuation.

In *March*, upon riding in the Cold, he felt some Return of Pain in the Shoulders, which proved of but short Duration. He thought himself more apt to catch Cold while he was taking the *alterative Pills* ; for their Property is to promote Perspiration.

This Gentleman, being in *London*, *Sept.* 1. 1744. called to see me ; he had quite recover'd his Flesh, and was grown fat : He said, *he had had no Return of the Gout ; and that a certain Stiffness in his Joints, which had attended him ever since his first Attack of the Gout seven Years ago, was now gone away, and his Joints become as flexible, and his Limbs as strong, as ever in his Life.*

I him saw again in *Feb.* 1744-5. and he continued perfectly well, when he wrote to me last, *March* 5. 1744-5.

The CASE of Mrs. *Aiskew*, aged 45, Wife to *Michael Aiskew*, Esq; in *Abingdon-Buildings*, *Westminster*.

A continual Noise in the Head, and Deafness, carried off by one Dose.

IN *May* 1744. I was called to this Lady by Mr. *Kitchen*, a very skilful and honest *Apothecary* in *King's-street*, *Westminster* ; one who has always behaved to me in a candid and genteel Manner. This Patient had for some time been troubled with a continual Noise in her Head, attended with a Deafness ; which, from some Circumstances, I judged to come from a *wandering Gouty* Origin : These Complaints were accompanied

compained with Sickness at Stomach, frequent Vomiting of a watery Humour, and a Sense of Cold in her Stomach. I order'd her a Dose of the *Anti-arthritick Medicine*, which operated gently: Upon this, the Sickness at Stomach, and Sense of Chilliness there, went off; the Deafness was less: and, in order to strengthen her Stomach, I order'd her common bitter Draughts, to take twice a Day: In a short time, all her Complaints went off, and she has been much better ever since.

This is a true Account of the great Benefit I received from the Vomit above-mentioned,

Eliz. Aiskew.

N. B. Mr. Aiskew has since taken the same *Medicine*, with the like Success, for a Touch of the *Gout* in the Stomach.

The CASE of Mr. James Barnard, in King's-street, Bloomsbury.

A wandering Gout in the Head and Limbs relieved.

THIS Gentleman had formerly been much afflicted with the *Gout*, but had kept himself free from any violent Attacks of it for ten or twelve Years, as he imagines, by drinking every Morning, fasting, an Half-pint Basen of *Celandine-Tea* (a strong Infusion of the Leaves of the *Chelidonium majus* Offic. * which he used to keep by him dry in the Winter). He assures me, he has told this Remedy to five or six of his Acquaintance; who, by drinking it in the same manner, have found great Benefit.

June 7. 1744. he sent for me, complaining of an Heaviness in his Head, a Lowness of Spirits, and an unsettled Pain in his Ankles. He had been cupp'd two Days before; but the Complaints continuing, and judging them to be of a *Gouty* Nature, I gave him a Dose of *Anti-arthritick Powder*; which, vomiting him five times, brought off his Stomach a great deal of Acid and Phlegm; gave him three Stools that Night, and as many the next Day, when he found himself much lightsomer and better. I saw him again the 10th, and he told me he was quite well; but, a few Days after, he had a slight Touch of the *Gout*, which went off again soon.

July 3. he complained of a Working in his Head. I gave him another Dose of the same *Powder*; which, after two Hours,

* Which one Mr. Inglis, a Surgeon in *Cambridgeshire*, used to make use of for himself.

giving him four Vomits, brought up some Acid, and purged him twice. The 6th, he felt nothing of the Gout, but had an Heaviness in the Head: I advised him to take another Dose; which now did not vomit him, but only made him sickish; but, after six Hours, gave him two Stools, next Morning several, and the Day following the same. The 16th, he told me, he was quite well; except a Working, which was not constant, but now-and-then came into his Temples.

August 10. he said, all his Complaints were gone; he was in very good Spirits, and has continued more chearful and better ever since; having had Returns of that Working in his Head seldomer, and soon going off; but has had no Returns of the Gouty Pains.

The above is a true Account of my Case, and of the Benefit I received from the Medicines above-mentioned,

James Barnard,

The CASE of Mr. Jacob Toten, in the Back-Lane, Lambeth.

The Gout carried off by three Doses.

MR. Toten, who had been troubled with a confirmed Gout for many Years, complained, June 26. 1744. of the Gout in his Feet; of a cutaneous Eruption, that was caused by a Medicine he formerly took; of Sickness, and loathing all Food. I gave him a Dose of the *Anti-arthritick Medicine*; which, vomiting him ten times, brought up a great deal of Phlegm and Gall, and then gave him as many Stools: This brought on his Pains again, but they soon went off: A few Days after, he took a second Dose, which now only gave him three gentle Pukes, and as many Motions downwards.

July 2 he was much better, and his Appetite good. I gave him a third Dose, to take at Leisure; but heard no more of him, till Jan. 8. 1744-5. when he told me, he had been free from the Gout ever since, only he had a Weakness in one Ankle.

This is a true Account of the extraordinary Benefit I received from the Medicines as above-mentioned,

Jacob Toten.

The CASE of Mr. *Daniel Thumoth*, one of the *Musick* belonging to His Royal Highness the DUKE's Regiment of Foot-Guards, living in *Ax-Yard*, *Westminster*.

A wandering Gout carried off by two Doses.

OCT. 6. 1744. Mr. *Thumoth* consulted me, complaining of wandering *Arthritick* Pains, and Pain in his Kidneys, voiding much Gravel and Sand in his Water. I gave him a Dose of the *Anti-arthritick Pills*; which, causing three strong Vomittings, brought up Plenty of Phlegm, and an Hour after, beginning to work downwards, gave him first and last near twenty Motions; all his Complaints decreas'd daily. The 19th, he felt a slight Pain in his Back, and a Pain and Weakness of his Right Knee: Judging this to be a Spice of the former Complaint, I gave him another Dose of the *Anti-arthritick Pills*; which operated less than the former, and removed all his Complaints intirely; especially a Pain in his Right Hip-Bone, which had troubled him for twelve Years; and carried off a cutaneous Eruption, like an *Herpes*, on his Left Elbow, and Left Thigh, which had attended him from his Infancy; and a Stiffness in his Right Knee soon wore off.

Feb. 25. 1744-5. Mr. *Thumoth* was seized with most violent racking Pains in his Bowels, for which he took several hot Things; but, not being easier next Day, he sent for me; he then complained of Sickness, and violent Pains in his Stomach, Bowels, and Small of his Back: He voided no Gravel this time, but complained of wandering *Gouty* Pains in his Knees, and a Weakness in his Ankles; wherefore, concluding these Complaints were of a *Gouty* Nature, I gave him another Dose of the *Anti-arthritick Pills*, which made him sickish, did not vomit him, but gave him nineteen Stools, upon which all his Pains vanished; and, instead of being faint after such an Evacuation, his Spirits were raised. The 27th, I found him quite well; but I persuaded him to take another Dose next Day, which he did: These work'd downwards only, and that but sixteen times. March 1. he went abroad: The 5th, he complained of an Itching in his Leg, which had formerly been sore (see p. 92.): I gave him a Dose of the *Anti-scorbutick Powder*, which worked three times by Vomit, and seven times downwards, which carried off the Itching: And I gave him some of the *sansative Water* to bathe the Part, to prevent its breaking out again.

The above is a true Account of the extraordinary Benefit I received, on these several Occasions, by the Medicines above-mentioned,

Daniel Thumoth.

The CASE of Mr. *Wm. Stallard*, Attorney, of *Amesbury* in *Wiltshire*.

The Gout in the Head removed by one Dose, and carried off from the Limbs by four Doses.

THIS Gentleman, a very corpulent Man, and of a gross Habit of Body, had been confined to his Bed with the Gout about a Fortnight, not able to move, or turn himself complaining more particularly of his Left Elbow, and Left Knee. Feb. 1. 1744-5. his Complaints growing worse, and he becoming *delirious*, Mrs. Hurst, at the *Admiralty Coffee-house*, being alarmed, sent for me. I gave him two of the *Anti-arthritic Pills*, which vomited him twice, and gave him three large Stools: I called to see him next Day, found him come to his Senses again, and all his Pains greatly diminish'd. The 4th, I gave him a Dose of the same Medicine much stronger, but in Powder: This made him sickish, did not vomit him, but gave him one Stool. The 5th, his Pains were quite gone; he could turn himself in Bed, move his Feet; and the Swelling of his Legs and Feet, which had been very great, was now quite sublid: He was dress'd, and sat up some Hours. I gave him some small *alterative* Pills, to take twice a Day. The 6th, I gave him a Dose of the Powder, double the Quantity of the Pills in the first Dose; but yet this only gave him one Stool; and he continued mending, his Appetite was become very good; instead of Wine, I advised him to drink Rum-Flip, made of Small-beer. The 8th, he complained of some slight wandering Pains; but he thought he could walk, were it not for the Weakness of his Ankles: I gave him this Day a Dose of the *Powders*, twice and half as much as the first Dose. The 11th, he had not taken them, finding himself much better: I found him this Day dress'd, sitting at a Table, and writing. A few Days after this, he took this large Dose, which did not work upwards, but gave him ten or twelve Stools. I called to see him, Feb. 18. and found him quite well, except weak in the Ankles: His Head and Face, which had been greatly tumefied when I first saw him, near as much as in the Small-pox, were now quite sublid, and his Face look'd

with his natural Countenance. He remained free from any Returns of Pain ever since, only complaining of a Weakness of the Right Ankle; and his Appetite has been exceeding good.

This is a true Account of the immediate Benefit I received from the Medicines above-mentioned; which, I am sensible, did me more Good than any thing I ever took on the like Occasion,

William Stallard.

The CASE of Mr. John Cary, Son of Mr. Cary, at the Angel, in Long-Ditch, Westminster.

The Rheumatism and Gout carried off by four Doses.

I WAS sent for, Feb. 21. 1744-5. to this young Man, who had been confined some time with *Rheumatick* and *Gouty* Pains: he now complained of violent Pains in his Hands and Feet; and had had no Rest for three Nights: I therefore gave him a *composing Draught*: Next Day, the Pains being the same, I gave him a Dose of the *Anti-arthritick Powder*, which operated very gently both upwards and downwards. The 23d, he told me, he had sweat in the Night, had one purging Stool that Morning, and his Pains were abated. The 24th, he said, he had sweated the Night preceding, and that Morning, sixteen Hours; and complained of a Shortness of Breath: I gave him a stronger Dose of the *Powder*, but it work'd very little more than the first: After this Dose, his Breath and Pains were much better; the next Day the Pains return'd; but he took no more Physick till March 1. This Dose work'd like the former. The 2d, I gave him some *Anti-scorbutick alterative Pills*, to take one twice a Day: The 3d, his Pains were better: The 4th, they return'd a little; he took another Dose of the *Powder*; after the Operation of which he was much easier: The 7th, I found him below-stairs playing on the *Violin*; and, in a few Days after, he went abroad, and has had no Returns of these Pains; but has since felt a Pain in the Small of his Back, which he has been subject to at times for some Years past, proceeding from some Disorder in the Kidney; but for this has not had my Advice as yet.

This

This is a true Account of my Case, and the Benefit I received from the Medicines above-mentioned,

April 6. 1745.

John Cary:

The CASE of Mrs. Lilly, in the *Alms-houses on Torment's Hill, near the Broad-Way, Westminster.*

The Gout in both Hands and Feet carried off by three Doses.

THIS good Woman desired to see me, *Feb. 23. 1744-5.* I found her confined to her Bed, having the Gout in both her Hands and Feet, not able to stir; and, in the Afternoon, she complained of a Chilness and Shivering: Next Day she took a Dose of the *Anti-arthritick Powder*, which gave her but two Motions upwards, and five downwards; after which she found herself much better, the 26th; and had no Return of her Chilness: This Day she took another Dose, which operated exactly the same as the first, and she was able to walk after it: The 27th, her Pains were almost gone; but she fell into a cold Sweat, had Colick-Pains, and several loose Stools. *March 1.* she was better again, having only a little Pain in her Right Wrist and Shoulder: I therefore gave her a third Dose; after which she was finely well in all respects, except the Chilness: The 5th, I found this Chilness return'd regularly to a Time; so I order'd her some *Bark*, which took off this Complaint: The 20th, I call'd to see her; she said, she had had no Returns of the Pain, nor Chilness; and she was then walking about her Room.

This is a true Account of the great Benefit I found by the Medicines above-mentioned; not being able to stir Hand or Foot when I took the first Dose,

The Mark + of Mary Lilly.

S E C T. IV.

Of the SCURVY, and CUTANEOUS
ERUPTIONS.

The CASE of Mr. *James Hulett*, Engraver, in
Mitre-Court, St. Paul's Churchyard, near the Chap-
ter-house.

Scorbutick Eruptions cured by two Doses.

JUNE 30. 1743. Mr. *Hulett* consulted me for *scorbutick Eruptions* in several Parts of his Body, which had spread into a large Scab under his Chin. I gave him a Dose of the *Anti-scorbutick Medicine*, which gave him three Vomits, and five Stools; he immediately grew better: July 4. he took another Dose; next Day the Scab dried off, and all his Complaints vanish'd; and he has enjoyed perfect Health ever since.

The above is a true Account of the great Benefit I received from these two Doses,

James Hulett.

The CASE of *William Brown*, Taylor, at the
White Swan, in *St. Martin's Court*.

A Leprous Eruption carried off.

MR. *Brown* came to me, Aug. 10. 1743. and said, he had had a *Leprous Eruption* on his Left Wrist for four Years and a half; that he was otherwise in good Health; that he had tried Variety of Plaisters, had taken various Medicines internally, and several Preparations of Mercury; was an Out-Patient to a great Hospital in the City three Months, had been at *Bath* eight Months, but all in vain: I gave him a Dose of the *Anti-scorbutick Powder*, which sweat him greatly. The 14th, I gave him a Bottle of the *sanative Water* to wash his Hand with, ordering him to let it dry in; and I gave him another Dose of the Powder, which now gave him four Stools: He called again the 29th, and told me he was much better. September 4. the little Ulcers under the Scurf were almost

almost healed and dry: He took another Dose of the *Powder*; and I now gave him a Bottle of the *Water*, but of double Strength: The 11th, the Ulcers were suppurated; the 21st, they were all dry.

Oct. 2. he complained of a great Itching all over his Body: I gave him a Dose of the same *Powders* as before; after which, finding the Itching removed, he did not call again, till November 2. when his Hand was broke out in Pustules, and itched greatly: I gave him another Dose of the *Powders*, and some single *sanative Water*. The 7th, the Itching was gone, and there was Matter in the Eruptions: I then laid on a *certain Plaster*, which soon healed up the little Sores, and his Hand continued quite well, till there came an hard Frost in the Middle of *January*, when the Scurf returned a little: I gave him one Dose of the *Powders*, and more of the *Water*, which soon took off all the Scurf, and he has remained well ever since.

Feb. 24. 1744-5. he called to see me again, and told me, his Hand had continued quite well all this Winter, only a small Chilblain was broke out on two of his Knuckles, while the Frost was severe, but were now almost gone again.

This is a true Account of the very great Benefit I received from the Water and Powders above-mentioned,

William Brown.

The CASE of *Mary Mosier*, in *Eagle-street*, *Holborn*.

The Shingles and Whites cured by the Restricting Fomentation.

THIS poor Woman came to me, Dec. 10. 1744. and shewed me a large *Herpes*, or Cluster of Scabs, cross her Back, and under her Right Breast, which smarted, burnt, and itch'd most intolerably: I gave her some of the *Restricting Fomentation*, to bathe the Parts affected with it: The 13th, she called to tell me, the *Fomentation* gave her immediate Ease, took off all the Pain and Itching, and the Scabs began to dry: I gave her a Dose of the *Anti-scorbutick Medicine*, which did not operate for eleven Hours; then gave her six large strong Vomits, no Stools, but sweat her a little. The 16th, the *Herpes* was quite gone; she took another Dose that gave her only two Stools. But now she told me of another Complaint, which was the *Fluor albus*, or *Whites*: I order'd her to apply some

of the *Restraining Fomentation* to the Part with soft Tow, which she wetted six or seven times a Day. The 22d, she was somewhat better, but complained of continual Heat, and frequent Sweating: I gave her a Dose of the *Fever-Powder*, and order'd her to continue the *Fomentation*. The 27th, she told me, her Physick had given her nine strong Vomits, and two Stools; but she was greatly better after it in all respects. Jan. 7th, she called to thank me, and acquaint me, that all her Complaints were gone, and that she was in perfect good Health.

The above is a true and perfect Account of my Illness and Recovery,

The Mark O of Mary Mosier.

S E C T. V.

Of VENEREAL DISEASES.

The CASE of Mrs. Paget, at Nurse Wood's, in Tyburn-Road, near Soho-Square.

A universal Loss of the Use of all her Limbs, from a Salivation, cured by four Doses.

THIS young Woman was about 27 or 28 Years old; had, by means of an ill Husband, got a severe Venereal Distemper; and was, by Order of the Overseers of the Poor of *St. Ann's* Parish, sent to Mrs. Wood's, a Parish Nurse, in the Summer 1741. The Apothecary had laid her into a Salivation by Unction; this raised the Salivation so high, as she told me, that her Life was despaired of; and that it was with great Difficulty it was check'd and carried off by repeated Purges. This cured the Pox indeed, but it left behind it, in Aug. 1741. an universal *Paralysis*, or *Loss of the Use of all her Limbs*.

She continued in this Condition, till April 1742.; when, going to see Mr. Martin (see p. 28.) in the same House, I accidentally saw her sitting in a Chair, looking healthy, but with her Arms hanging down her Sides as if they had no Bones in them, quite motionless to her, easily bending in the Joints if one raised them up, but falling down again like Lead as soon as let go. She was unable to feed herself, hold any thing in her Hands, or so much as stand: I inquired into the Causes of

of this Disease, and was informed as above: I related the Case to a *Gentleman*, then in *England*, who had great Skill in *Chemical Medicines*. He smiled, and said, she might soon be well. I own I had little Hopes: He directed me to prepare a *certain Remedy*, and told me its Dose. I objected against the Quantity in her weak Condition; and was afraid the Medicine would prove too rugged, both a *Vomit* and *Purge*, for her: He again smiling said, 'Nature knows how to set this Medicine to work better than you; when it meets with its Antagonist, it will exert its Forces against him.' Accordingly, in Confidence to my Friend's Skill, I gave her a Dose of *Powder*; it neither vomited nor purged her, as I apprehended; but, in about an Hour's time, tho' there was nothing *Mercurial* in it (*Solar* perhaps there was). It began to make her spit, and she had a plentiful *Salivation* for eight or nine Hours that Day, which was intirely ended by Night, when she began to sweat: She mended immediately, and found a new Warmth trickling as it were along her Back, Arms, and Legs. Next Day but one I gave her such another Dose; this raised a *Salivation* but of eight Hours Duration, and sweat her afterwards: She found herself much better, and began to move her Arms and Fingers. Four Days after this she took another Dose, which salivated her only for six Hours; but after this she was so much mended, as to walk. A few Days after this I gave her the fourth and last Dose, which had no sensible Operation, but by Sweat: She was now able to dress herself, to feed herself, and to walk about the Room. In about a Fortnight or three Weeks after, she walk'd down to my House to return me Thanks; but I was not at home, and so did not see her. I was informed, that in a Month or six Weeks after she was dismissed from the *Nurse's House*; having quite recovered not only the Motion of her Limbs, but Strength and Activity, and was perfectly well in Health.

I have since heard, that she died in 1744. after having taken some Medicine from an Apothecary for a Sickness at her Stomach; but I could not learn the Particulars.

This is a true Account of the weak Condition, and speedy Recovery, of the above-mentioned Mrs. Paget, who was all the Time under my Care and Inspection,

The Mark C of Elizabeth Wood.

The above is punctually true, I having attended her in all her Illness,

The Mark p of Ann Alce.

I know the above Account to be true, being in the same House with the Patient above-mentioned all the while, and intimate with her,

The Mark S of Mary Holloway.

I knew this Patient when she was only able to crawl on her Hands and Knees; and she informed me, that she was perfectly recover'd by Medicines given her by Dr. Mortimer;

Emblin Corgée.

The CASE of Mr. —, a Country Surgeon.

The Pox cured by five Doses.

THIS Gentleman happened to get a very *virulent Clap*; he treated himself in the usual manner, being no Stranger to this sort of Practice; but the Disorder becoming obstinate, and *Chankers* appearing, he had at last the Assistance of a *London Surgeon*. The Symptoms still increasing, and others breaking out, so that he had nothing in View but a *Salivation*, he resolved to consult me: I told him, If he had Confidence enough in me, to take Medicines from my Hands, of which I would give him no Account, I would assist him. He consented: I gave him *five Doses* of a *certain Powder* at proper Intervals; they each vomited and purged him largely: I gave him some *Sanative Water* to dress his *Chankers* with; they soon healed, and he was quite well in three Weeks time.

The CASE of H. L — n.

An Old Clap cured with three Doses, and an Injection.

THIS young Man had got a very *virulent Gonorrhœa*, had been under the Hands of a neighbouring Apothecary, who dismissed him as cured; but soon after the Symptoms broke out again worse than ever. His Uncle brought him to me; I gave him three Doses of a *certain Powder*, to take at a few Days Interval; they vomited and purged him gently: I likewise gave him some of the *Sanative Water*, for an Injection to cleanse and heal the Parts. In about a Fortnight he was perfectly well, and has remained so ever since, above two Years.

A Dry Pox and Chankers cured by ten Doses, and by the Sanative Water.

A Gentleman, who had had a *dry Pox* upon him some Months, attended with a *Bubo* and *Chankers*, applied to me, in hopes of saving a Salivation. I gave him, at proper Distances, about ten Doses of a *certain Remedy*, which chiefly operated upon him by Vomit and Sweat, which was promoted by a Decoction of the *Woods*: After having taken three or four Doses, the *Bubo* subsided, and went away of itself without Suppuration. I gave him some of the *Sanative Water*, and some Tow, to dress his *Chankers*, which soon healed. He now continues well, without any Complaints, for above a Year.

A virulent Clap.

A Man, who had got a very *virulent Clap*, which he had neglected for some Months, came to me for Advice. I gave him a *certain Medicine* at proper Intervals, which always vomited, purged, and sweat him: As soon as the Colour of the Running was mended, I gave him an Injection of the *Sanative Water*, to heal the Part, and stop the Discharge; continuing the Evacuations and Sweats at the same time; and, after this Method, took away all the Symptoms; but I can't brag of the Speediness of the Cure, the Patient being both irregular in taking the Medicine, and in his Diet neither abstaining from salt Meats, nor strong Beer, Punch, or Wine. This Patient has remained perfectly well for above a Year.

C H A P. IV.

CASES chiefly CHIRURGICAL.

S E C T. I.

OF ULCERS and CONTUSIONS.

The CASE of Mr. Daniel Thumoth, of Ax-Yard,
Westminster. See p. 82.

An Ulcer in the Leg cured by the Sanative Water.

MR. Thumoth, being of a gross Habit of Body, had, from rasing off the Skin of his Leg, got a Sore, which turned to an Ulcer, for which he had had the Assistance of some able Surgeons, and Advice of Physicians; but their Methods not healing his Leg, he applied to me in Oct. 1742. I gave him a Bottle of the *Sanative Water*; which, in a very short time, cured the whole Affair, without breaking out in any other Part, or any other Inconvenience.

In Aug. 1744. after a Fit of Illness, the Humour in his Leg broke out again; but was soon cured by the same *Water*, and one of the *Anti-scorbutick* Purges.

This is a true Account of the great Benefit I received from the Water above-mentioned; the Sore being perfectly healed, and the Humour dispersed,

Daniel Thumoth.

The CASE of Mr. Raban, at Meyer's Coffee-house,
in King's-street, Bloomsbury.

An Ulcer in the Leg cured.

IN Feb. 1742-3. Mr. Raban told me, he had a sore Leg from a broken Shin, which was turn'd to a foul Ulcer, with proud Flesh grown up in it. I order'd him to dress it with Tow, soaked in the *Sanative Water*: It mended greatly in two Days time. I then gave him an *Anti-scorbutick Powder*,

to carry off the sharp Humours, and his Leg was healed and well in a few Days.

The above is a true Account of the speedy Cure of my Leg; which was, before I used that Water, so full of Pain I could not stand; and the proud Flesh was soon wasted,
John Raban.

The CASE of Mr. Richard Kilburn, Staymaker, at Mr. Cheney's, Barber, in the Temple-Mews.

An Ulcer all round the Ankle cured by the Sanative Warer.

ABOUT Jan. 1743-4. Mr. Kilburn had a Humour fell into his Ankle, which, after having applied many Things in vain, turned to a *spreading Ulcer*, and was very painful: He had some of the *Sanative Water* given him by Mr. *Thumoth's* Wife of *Ax-Yard* (I having given her Husband some for his own Leg, *see* p. 92.) who directed him to apply it: It gave him Ease in 24 Hours; the Pain went off in a few Days, and the Sore was quite healed and well in less than three Weeks.

I hereby acknowlege the great Benefit I received from the above-mention'd Water,

The Mark + of Richard Kilburn.

The CASE of Mr. Samuel Mercer, Glover, in Bloomsbury-Market.

An Ulcer on the Shin cured in a few Days.

MR. Mercer labour'd under a *Quotidian Intermittent* (*see* p. 25.); and having some time ago, broken one of his Shins, by ill Management it was turned into an *Ulcer*. I gave him some of the *Sanative Water*; and, in about a Week's time, the Sore was healed and well, tho' full of fungous Flesh when I first saw it, Oct. 5. 1743.

The CASE of *Samuel Mercer*, Son of the above.*A Contusion near the Corner of his Eye.*

JAN. 31. 1743-4. calling at Mr. *Mercer's*, I saw his Son had a Wound near his Eye, which, he told me, was given him by the Edge of a Pewter Pot, which had cut him near the external Corner of his Eye. I gave him some of the *Sanative Water* to dress it with; it took off the Blackness, and healed the Wound in a few Days.

*The above are true Accounts of my Cure, and of my Son's,**Samuel Mercer.*The CASE of Mr. *Wm. Crosby*, at the *Tower*, now at the Academy at *Woolwich*.*A most violent Contusion, attended with a Fever, cured in a few Days, the Fever at once.*

BY a particular Accident, a Musket, having the Bayonet on, fell about eighteen Feet; the Elbow of the Bayonet striking Mr. *Crosby* full on the Bridge of his Nose, with such Force that the Bayonet broke short off, but beat his Nose quite flat, and made a large Contusion on both Cheeks. He was immediately blooded by a neighbouring Surgeon, and proper Fomentations applied to his Face that Day. He sent for me next Day Nov --- 1742. I found his Face quite black from the Bruise, his Nose beat flat, and on one side, his Eyes blood-shot, and the Eye-lids so tumefied, that he could not see; and in great Pain, attended with a *symptomack Fever*. I gave him a Dose of the *Febrifuge Powder*, and I made him a Bottle of the *Sanative Water*, ordering him to have his Face fomented with it hot, and to endeavour to let some of it run into his Eyes, and frequently to snuff some up his Nostrils.

His Fever was at once taken off; clotted Blood came out of his Nose; the Blackness wore off in a few Days; the Tumour subsided; the Inflammation of his Eyes went off, and he was perfectly well in about a Week.

His Nose has nearly recovered its former Shape, tho' the Bones were certainly mash'd and broken.

Some time after, he wrote me the following Letter of Thanks :

Worthy Sir,

I Received your liquid Medicine; applied it as you directed ; which, in a short Space of Time, dispersed the Swelling and Blackness in my Face, which endanger'd my Sight, and laid me under continual Apprehensions, that I should never receive the Benefit of it again.

The Musket fell near eighteen Feet before it struck me; and with that Force, that it took from me my Senses for some time; but, after a little Recovery, seeing my Face in a Glass, I imagined it could not be restored to its proper Shape; tho' now, thro' the Blessing of the Almighty, and your Assistance, I am perfectly cured, to the intire Satisfaction of him, who is for ever bound to return you sincere and hearty Thanks; and am, Sir,

Your most obedient,

London, Jan. 27.

1742-3.

humble Servant,

Wm. Crosby.

P. S. The high Fever, which attended this Bruise, was intirely taken off by *one* Dose of a *Powder* you gave me, which vomited me three or four times, and gave me but one Stool. I was but once blooded by the Surgeon.

W. C.

The CASE of Mr. *Edward Holdway*, a Chairman, at Mr. *Penny's*, Park-keeper, near *Prince's Court*, *St. James's Park*.

An ulcerated Heel cured in a few Days.

THIS poor Man, when carrying a Chair, had slipped down a Stone Step or two; whereby he tore off the Heel of his Shoe, and bruised his Heel so much, that it suppurated a few Days after, and all the Skin of the Heel came off. I saw it *Apr. 18. 1744.* and found the whole Sore cover'd with fungous Flesh: He was only under the Care of a good Woman. I gave him some of the *Sanative Water*, and some Tow to dress it with; the fungous Flesh soon contracted, and the Sore healed up; he was able to stand on it in a few Days, and went to Work again in a Week or ten Days.

The

*The above is a true Account of the speedy Cure of my Heel,
after I used the Water here mentioned,*

Edward Holdway.

The CASE of Mr. Thomas Fisher, in the Bowling-Alley, Westminster.

Pain in the Back, from a Bruise, cured by a Plaster.

AUG. 4. 1744. Mr. Fisher ask'd my Advice for a great Pain cross his Left Kidney, which he had got from a Bruise, by falling backwards off the Bench in a Boat when he was rowing. I gave him a certain Chemical Plaster, which soon gave him Ease, and carried off the Pain intirely in two or three Days.

*The above is a true Account of the Benefit I received from
the Plaster above-mentioned,*

Thomas Fisher.

The CASE of Daniel Jones, at Mr. Thumoth's, in Ax-Yard, Westminster.

A Mortification of the Toes cured by the Sanative Water.

IN the Winter 1741-2. this Boy having had Chilblains which were neglected, two or three of the Toes of each Foot mortified; so that the Tendons in some appeared almost bare, and his whole Feet were greatly swelled: I ordered them to be bathed several times a Day with some Sanative Water warmed, and to keep Pledgets soak'd in it constantly applied: In a few Days the mortified Parts separated; the Sores digested kindly; the Swelling of his Feet subsided; and his Toes were quite well in less than a Fortnight.

The Chilblains of his Fingers have since been cured by the same Water.

*This is a true Account of the Cure of this Lad's Feet, as
above-mentioned, the Water being applied by myself,*

Mary Thumoth.

N. B. My own Children, and several others have been cured of Chilblains, and chapp'd Hands, by the Use of this Healing Water.

The

The CASE of Mrs. Mary Mortimer.

A Tumour on her Knee brought to Maturation by a certain Plaister; and the Effects of Opium carried off by Camphire:

DURING the long Illness my Wife underwent after her Lying-in (*see p. 60*) in *Aug. 1741*. she had a Swelling gathered on her Right Elbow, and another on her Right Knee: A very eminent and skilful Surgeon was so kind as to give her his Assistance: The Swelling on the Elbow was, by the common Applications, soon brought to Maturation, and was opened by a Caustick; which gave such Pain, that we thought fit to give her about twenty-five Drops of *Liquid Laudanum*: Her Nerves being exceeding weak, this small Dose had like to have overcome her; she fainted, was in cold Sweats, and her Pulse intermitted: Spirits of Hartshorn, *Sal volatile*, and other warm and volatile Medicines gave her no Relief; till, at last, I gave her five Grains of *Camphire*, made up in Pills with Crum of Bread; in a few Minutes she began to revive; her Pulse grew quick and strong; and, in about a Quarter of an Hour, all the Effects of the *Laudanum* were gone off, and she was as sensible of her Pains, as before she had taken any.

The other Swelling did not mature, as was wished for: Warming Medicines were given internally; various Applications were used outwardly; but the Matter did not form itself, nor point duly, so as to be fit for Opening, which it was resolved to do with the Knife: I therefore had a Mind to try what a *certain Chemical Plaister* of my own making would do: It warm'd the Part in a few Hours; it brought on the Maturation so kindly, that the second or third Day it was fit for Opening; on doing of which, about five or six Ounces of Matter were discharg'd; the Sore afterwards healed well; and she has the Use of her Joints; tho' we were, at the Time, greatly afraid of a stiff Knee.

S E C T. II.

Of C A N C E R S.

The CASE of *John Parsons* (formerly Coachman to the late Lord *Scarsdale*, and to *Owen Merrick*, Esq;) in *King-street, Westminster*.

A bleeding fetid Cancer in the Breast cured by the Sanative Water.

IN the hard Frost 1740. Mr. *Parsons* was flung off his Coach-Box by the Ice, in the Street, near *Charing-cross*, falling with his Breast against one of the Knobs of the Splinter-bar; and his Head pitching upon a Flake of Ice, his Skull was fractured, for which he was under the Care of Mr. *Presgrave*, a very skilful and ingenious Surgeon in *Westminster*, by whose Assistance the Wounds of his Head were soon cured. He did not then make any Complaint to the Surgeon of the Bruise of his Breast, though it soon after became a very noisome Sore; for a Mole he had upon his Breast from his Infancy, was torn off by this Fall, and the Part became so swelled and painful, that he was obliged to apply to one of the Hospitals, where he found no Relief; but the Sore growing worse, he afterwards went to the famous Mr. *Ward*, under whose Care he was for some time, and took a great Quantity of his Medicines; after which the Running of the Sore increased to such a Degree, that he was obliged to put clean Rags to it three or four times a Day, and so forbore going to him any more. Thus despairing of any Cure, he one Day accidentally mentioned the Sore of his Breast to one Mr. *Lawson*, Nephew to Mr. *Thumoth* in *Ax-yard*.

In March 1741-2. Mr. *Thumoth*, who had known some Instances of old Ulcers being cured by the *Sanative Water* (see p. 92), sent him to me, desiring I would try what that Water would do for that poor miserable Man.

When I first saw him, his Breast was swelled up into several Knobs, as big as half Golden-Pippins, but rough like Mulberries, and, in some Places, as black: These Tumours were very tender, and excessive painful: The Sore had for some time before continually oozed Blood; and a sharp corrosive Water flowing from it, had fretted the adjacent Parts, and flayed off the Skin of his Belly, where it trickled down: The

Ulcer was so stinking, as to be not only offensive to himself, but to all in the Room with him.

In this Condition I gave him some of the *Sanative Water*, with Directions how to apply it: The first 12 Hours Application of it gave him Ease, and took off the scalding Heat of the Sore. The 23d Day I gave him an *Anti-scorbutick Purge*: By this time the Stench was quite gone; the Bleeding, and *Ichorous* or watery Discharge were both ceased; and, in five or six Days, the Sore came to a kindly Digestion. I now repeated the Purge, and gave him some *Alterative Anti-scorbutick Pills*, to take every Day, ordering him to drink plentifully of Tea made of the Leaves of *Scorodonia*, or *Wood Sage*, and repeated the Purge once in ten Days. In less than a Fortnight the Sores all began to dry and heal up. By pursuing this Method, the Tumours soon lessened, the external Surface of them grew dry, and peeled off like the Coats of an Onion: I used to scrape off several with a Penknife, when he came to me; at last, in order to hasten the Cure, the Tumours being contracted to one half, quite dried, and not at all painful, I sent him to Mr. *Presgrave*, desiring him to cut off some of the Protuberances that hung by Pedicles, or small Necks, and to pare off the dry Skin of the other Parts, till the Blood appeared; and then ordered the Patient to dress it as before with the *Sanative Water*, which immediately stopt the Blood; and the fresh Wounds made by the Cutting and Paring, were skinned over by next Day. When these Protuberances were levelled with the general Tumour, there was no more Cutting, the outward Skin peeling off daily, and the Tumour itself subsiding. Thus, in less than six Months, the Tumour was levelled to the rest of the Skin; all the Knobs and Kernels under the Skin were dispersed; and there was no greater a Scar left than with a Burn, and not larger than a Shilling. From being quite thin and emaciated when I first saw him, the poor Man was grown fat and healthy; looking remarkably so in his Face: He had recovered his Appetite, and was in good Spirits; often declaring, he was in as good a State of Health as ever in his Life.

This is to certify, that having Occasion to see Mr. Parsons, he told me all the Circumstances above-mentioned, relating to his Case, and that he was cured by the Medicines as above: I saw his Breast; and, on Examination, found it well and sound; and he seemed to be in perfect Health in February 1742-3.

Thomas Gilbert.

S E C T. III.

Of DISEASES of the EYES.

The CASE of *Hannah Perkins*, at Mr. Cooks, Salesman, at the *Sugar-loaf, Monmonth-street.*

Blindness so far cured, as to be able to read common Print.

THIS poor Girl, aged about 15, fell ill of a Cold, which was attended with such an Inflammation of one of her Eyes; that when it went off, it left the *Cornea* so opaque, that she could see nothing with that Eye; not so much as the Light of a Window, or of a Candle. She had been with the famous *Taylor*, who had given her an Eye-water, which, to me, seemed to have *Tutty* in it, and which smelt of *Camphire*; but finding no Benefit from the Use of it, her Mistress desired my Assistance, *April 20. 1744.* I made her some of the *Eye-water*, and directed her how to use it. *July 30.* following, the Girl came to my House to return me Thanks; for she could now see, with that Eye which had been blind, a Pen flung down upon the Table, the Buttons on my Coat, and knew Peoples Faces, but not enough to thread a Needle. After this she caught Cold again, and had an Inflammation in both Eyes, for which she was sent to a certain great Hospital; where not finding any Benefit from what was done for her, she returned to her Mistress, and again made use of the *Eye-water* I gave her. The Inflammation soon went off, and she could see to sew coarse Work in *February 1744-5.*

The above is a true Account of the great Benefit I received from the Eye-water above-mentioned,

Witness,

Eliz. Cook.

Signed with the Mark of

Hannah Perkins.

P. S. She called at my House, *March 17. 1744-5.* and could then see, with that Eye alone which had been blind, to read Print of the Size of this Postscript.

Various

Various CASES.

I Have given of this *Eye-water* to so great a Number of People, that it would take up too much Room here to recite their Cases. I shall only mention a very few.

I used it to *my own Children*, after the *Measles*.

Mr. *Christopher Baldwin*, for an Inflammation of his Eye-lids.

Mr. *Manlove*, at Mr. *Mawhood's*, Tea-Merchant, in the *Strand*, over against the *New Exchange*, for an Inflammation of his Eye from a Bruise.

Miss *Jackson*, Daughter of Mr. *Jackson*, Potter, at *Lambeth*, for an Inflammation of the Eyes and Edges of the Eye-lids; and her Brother the same.

Mr. *Shelly Newell*, Butcher, in *Tothill-street*, *Westminster*, for the same.

Mr. *Thomas Benfeild*, in the *Maise*, *Southwark*, for watery fore Eyes.

Mr. *John Hoare*, Master of the Ale-house at *Knightsbridge*, for inflamed Eyes.

And many others, whose Names I have not set down.

F I N I S.

ADDENDUM to p. 23.

The CASE of Master *Hans-Winthrop Mortimer*,
aged 11.

A Remitting Fever cured by one Dose.

MY Son, having caught Cold, had a *Cough*; complained of Stitches and wandering Pains; of being tired and faint; and was feverish, at times, for two or three Days. Finding his Complaints increase, *April 14. 1745.* I gave him a Dose of the *Febrifuge Powder*; in about two Hours time it began to work, giving him six or seven Motions upwards, and brought up a great deal of *Phlegm*. He sweated afterwards, had a good Night's Rest, was perfectly well next Morning, and has had no Return of any of his Complaints, the Cough going off likewise.

A P P E N D I X.

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Dr. MORTIMER'S

P R E S E N T

METHOD OF PRACTICE.

HAVING nothing more at Heart than the speedy Recovery of every one who consults me, I thought it highly necessary to provide myself with such Medicines, as I judge most efficacious; and to keep a proper Person in my House, who shall carefully make up and dispense my Prescriptions; that so I may be assured of, what my Patients take.

For some Years past I have made use of several peculiar Chemical Remedies, ONE of which has hardly ever failed of Success in curing, with one single Dose, Fevers, Quinsies, Pleurisies, or any Inflammatory Disease, if taken within the first three Days; and has rendered the Small-Pox itself much milder. OTHERS of these Medicines have been employed with extraordinary Success in the Rheumatism, Gout, Scurvy, Jaundice, Dropsy, Colick, Diarrhœa, Lientery, Gravel, Diabetes, Gonorrhœa, foul Ulcers, Abscesses, Cancers, and Diseases of the Eyes.

* As it was handed about, in his own Writing, among his Acquaintance.

That all, who apply to me directly for Advice, may not be burthened with the double Expence of giving Fees; and paying for Medicines, I shall freely make them a Present of all the Remedies which I shall order by myself alone, or in Consultation with one or more Physicians, without expecting any extraordinary Fee, more than what is usually given to a Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians, London.

In Consultations, I shall readily acquaint my Brethren with the Intentions and Operations of my particular Remedies, (a) tho' I am under Obligations not to disclose the Preparations.

That the Apothecaries may have no Reason to complain, if any of them call me in to a sick Person, or if a Patient-chuses to have his Apothecary attend him as usual, I shall make a Present to the Apothecary of such of my peculiar Medicines as I shall think proper for the Patient; giving the Apothecary Leave to charge for them, as for the like Doses of Things out of his own Shop; and what common Medicines are required, I shall write to his Shop for.

Several Persons of Fortune, who have the Generosity and Humanity to take Care of their Servants when Sick, being often at great Expences on that Account; and many small Families, or single Persons, finding themselves, upon any Illness, put to great Charges; I offer to agree with single Persons, or Families, for a certain Salary by the Year, computing at about One Guinea for each Person; for which Salary I propose to give them my Advice, and Attendance when necessary, and to make them a Present of the proper Medicines: But if other Physicians are called in to consult with me, I shall expect to be fee'd in the same Manner, as the other Physicians are, over and above the yearly Salary agreed on.

By Means of such an Agreement, People may be induced to ask Advice as soon as they feel any Disorder, and not be for deferring to see, what a Day or two will produce, as too many do, being deterred by the Expence attending the common Way; and, I believe, they will soon find how much easier all Complaints may be removed, if taken at the Beginning, than when suffered to increase by Delays.

Dartmouth-street,
Westminster,
March 26. 1744.

C. MORTIMER, M. D.
Fellow of the Royal College of
Physicians, London.

(a) Which I had given before the other Physician was called in.

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